

WELCOME, GUESTS! We are honored to worship God with you today. If you would like to become a member of Fernwood Baptist Church, you are invited to speak with the minister following the worship service or by emailing matt@fernwoodchurch.org. If you need pastoral care, please call 864-582-7467.

SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE! Text "hello" to (864) 501-0585, for more information and to let us contact you.

Our Vision

*is to be Christ to each other and our community –
doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly
with our God.*

Choose How You Give

*"All must give as they are able, according to the blessings
given to them by the Lord your God"*

Deuteronomy 16:17

Give easily and securely...

1. Offering envelopes during the service or by mail.
2. Set up *bill pay* straight from your bank.
3. On our Website www.fernwoodchurch.org
4. Directly through our online giving
<http://onrealm.org/FernwoodBaptist/give/now>
5. Text from your phone: 73256 then keyword "fernwood" and dollar amount and follow the instructions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesday Night Suppers will resume on Wed., January 4, 2023

*For reservations call 864-582-7467, or email Angie@fernwoodchurch.org
or fill out the reservation forms that are available on the information table
in the lobby. Deadline for reservations are Mondays at NOON.*

**Cost: \$7.50 12 years old and older | \$4.00 Children 4-11 years old
Children under 3 are FREE**

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Worship on Christmas Day

There will be **no in-person Sunday School** on Christmas morning, December 25, but you will be able to access the lesson online. Worship will be at regular time 11:00am.

Worship on New Year's Day

There will be **no in-person Sunday School** on New Year's Day but you will be able to access the lesson online. Worship will be at regular time 11:00am.

Masks are not required while in the building. For those who wish to continue wearing a mask while in the sanctuary, there is a designated place on the side nearest the baptistery. There are signs on the pews.

All Members of Fernwood Baptist Church, Ministers

Mrs. Lee Anne Bailie Director of Family and Communication Ministries
Mrs. Marcia Harris Music Associate
Rev. Matthew K. Johnson Senior Pastor
Mrs. Angie M. Quinn Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Rebecca Turner Music Associate
Dr. Stafford Turner Director of Music Ministries
Mrs. Mary Helen Wessinger Financial Administrator
Mr. Don Williams Custodian
Rev. Dr. P. Randall Wright Pastor Emeritus



Saturday, December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday

9:45am - Sunday School in-person and online
11:00am - Worship in-person and online

Wednesday

5:30pm – Wednesday Night Supper – Dining Room (reservations required)
6:15pm – Bible Study for Adults – Dining Room in-person and online
6:15pm – Children's Missions, Music & More – Children's Hall
7:00pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Music Suite

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Guest Information

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell # _____

Best Time to Call: Morning Afternoon Night

Email Address _____

Your Age Group:

___ 13-18 ___ 19-29 ___ 30-39 ___ 40-49

___ 50-59 ___ 60-69 ___ 70 & Older

Children:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Please check the applicable:

___ First time guest ___ Returning guest

___ Would like information about the church

___ New to the area ___ Would like a visit

___ Would like to know more about becoming a Christian

___ I am a guest of _____

___ Prayer Request _____

The Worship of God

The Night of our Savior’s Birth December 24, 2022

The Welcome & Opening Prayer Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Ministry of Music Traditional English Melody
arr. Ralph Manuel

What Child Is This
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

†The Processional Carol, No. 104 IRBY
Once in Royal David’s City
(Verses 1-3)

1. Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. For he is our childhood’s pattern; day by day on earth he grew;
he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

Telling the Story: The Birth of Jesus Bill Fields
Luke 2:1-7; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 832-833)

Lighting the Christ Candle The Johnson Family

The Carol of Christ MUELLER
A Candle is Burning
Verse 5

We honor Messiah with Christ’s candle flame,
Our Christmas Eve candle’s glad tidings proclaim.
O Come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night
As God comes among us, the Christian’s true light.

Telling the Story: The Announcement to the Shepherds Cindy Thomas
Luke 2:8-14; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 833)

†Carol, No. 123 CHRISTMAS
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
(Verses 1-4)

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around,
and glory shone around.

2. “Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind.
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind,
to you and humankind.

3. “To you, in David’s town, this day is born of David’s line
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign,
and this shall be the sign:

4. “The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid,
and in a manger laid.”

The Children’s Moment Barbara Jean Callaway
A Christmas Tale
by Martin Waddell

Musical Reflection Johann Schop
arr. Victor Labenske
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
Rebecca Turner, piano

Telling the Story: Come and See Alex Said
Luke 2:15-20; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 833)

†Carol, No. 111 CRADLE SONG
Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

The Epistle Reading Matt Johnson
Titus 2:11-14; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 969)
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem R. Evan Copley
All My Heart This Night Rejoices
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel. Jesus, the Light of the world!
Come, my light, and illumine my darkness.
Come, my life, and revive me from death.
Come, my physician, heal my wounds. Come, come, Jesus, the Light of the world!

Come, my king, sit upon the throne of my heart. Come and reign in my heart.
For thou alone art my King and my Lord.
Come, come, Jesus, the Light of the world!
Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel. Jesus, the Light of the world!

The Reflection Matt Johnson
Can Christmas Change Us?

Musical Reflection Music by Adolphe Adam
English texts by John Sullivan Dwight
O Holy Night
Suzanne Wynn Brown, soprano; Marcia Harris, piano

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Savior’s birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
’Til he appears and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees; O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night, O Holy night, O night divine.

Truly he taught us to love one another,
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name, all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise his holy name.
Christ is the Lord; O praise his name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim,
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The Lighting of Candles

†Carol, No. 134 STILLE NACHT
Silent Night, Holy Night

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.
Glory streams from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, “Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

4. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

The Benediction Matt Johnson

New Wednesday Night Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. We will take a new look at the Apostle Paul using the book *Paul the Progressive?* by Eric C. Smith.

New Sermon Series: Beginning Sunday, January 15, 2023, Matt’s sermon series *Come and See* will be a great opportunity to introduce others to who we are and what we value as a church. Invite the people in your life to “come and see” what Fernwood is all about!

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