

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.

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 _____			

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**

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.

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Nativity Song; © 1978 Lorenz Publishing Co.
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice; Words, Medieval Latin Carol, trans. 1853 John Mason Neale; Music, 14th cent., Traditional German carol
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear; Words 1849 Edmund H. Sears; Music 1850 Richard Storrs Willis
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing; Words 1739 Charles Wesley; Music 1840 Felix Mendelssohn, harm. 1855 William H. Cummings
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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 Assistant 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



Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas Day 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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The Worship of God

The Lord's Day December 25, 2022

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Ministry of Music Traditional Polish Carol
arr. Victor Labenske

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Rebecca Turner, piano

The Passing of the Peace Matt Johnson

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

†The Carol of Praise, No. 102 ANTIOCH
Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come
(verses 1, 2, 4)

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Musical Reflection Johann Kuhnau
arr. by Lani Smith

Nativity Song
Marcia Harris, organ

Carol, No. 122 IN DULCI JUBILO
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
(verses 1, 3)

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now:
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

3. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save;
calls you one and calls you all, to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Carol, No. 132 CAROL
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
(verses 1, 4)

1. It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

†Carol, No. 127 MENDELSSOHN
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem words Claire Cloninger
music Don Cason, Bruce Greer, and Gary Rhodes
arr. C. Barny Robertson
Alleluia, Little Child
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Unto us a Child is born, sent to be Savior and King.
Unto us a gift is giv'n, come to the manger and sing.
Alleluia, little Child, sent from God above.
Alleluia, little King, bringing the gift of his love.

Unto us his Kingdom comes, born on a Bethlehem night.
Unto us a perfect Son, filling the world with his light.
Alleluia, little Child, sent from God above.
Alleluia, little King, bringing the gift of his love.

The Gospel Reading Matt Johnson
Luke 2:1-20; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 832-833)
One: The Good News offered to all.
All: Thanks be to God

The Sermon Matt Johnson
An Ordinary Story

†The Carol of Response, No. 112 BUNESSAN
Child in the Manger

1. Child in the manger, infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger, Lord of all;
Child who inherits all our transgressions,
all our demerits on him fall.

2. Once the most holy Child of salvation
gently and lowly lived below;
now as our glorious mighty Redeemer,
see him victorious o'er each foe.

3. Prophets foretold him, infant of wonder;
angels behold him on his throne;
worthy our Savior of all our praises;
happy forever are his own.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Mary Phillips

†The Doxology OLD 100th
O Glorious God, Your Praise We Sing

O glorious God, your praise we sing
and give our lives as offering;
Spirit of Christ, within us dwell.
God With Us, our Emmanuel. Amen.

Musical Reflection Gustav Holst
arr. Nancy L. Smith
In the Bleak Midwinter
Rebecca Turner, piano

The Benediction Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Robert Hughes
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Marcia Harris, organ

Special thanks to Terry Rhinebold for playing trumpet for our
Advent and Christmas services!

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!

CBF Global Missions Offering Deadline 12-31-22

The Church office will be closed on Monday, December 26 for the
Christmas Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 27 at
8:30am. The staff would like to wish everyone a happy and safe
holiday.