

**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](mailto: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 _____		
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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](http://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**

*For reservations call 864-582-7467, or email [Angie@fernwoodchurch.org](mailto: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**

**Menu for Jan  
Jan 18**

French Dip/w aus jus  
Macaroni & Cheese / Sliced tomatoes / Dessert

**Jan 25**

Meatloaf / Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans / Roll / Dessert

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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, January 15, 2023*

*Second Sunday of Epiphany*

**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 January 15, 2023

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Ministry of Music text by Stafford Turner  
music by Frederick C. Atkinson  
*Reveal to Us a New Community*  
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, organ

Reveal to us a new community,  
in all we do, let Jesus firstly be;  
help us to choose the best for all our lives,  
and to share Jesus, may we always strive.

The Passing of the Peace Matt Johnson  
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 298 ABBOT'S LEIGH  
*God Is Here!*

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, water, pulpit; here the cross has center place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

The Hebrew Bible Reading Raquel Cox-Tennal  
Isaiah 49:5-7; NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 592)  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 249 AZMON  
*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

1. The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.  
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

2. True faith will open up the door and step into the street.  
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

3. True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.  
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

4. If what we have, we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,  
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem words by Howard B. Grose  
music by Mary McDonald  
*Give Your Best to the Master*  
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Give your best to the Master; Give of the strength of your youth.  
Throw your soul's glowing ardor into the battle for truth.  
Give your best to the Master; Give him first place in your heart.  
Give him first place in your service, consecrate every part.  
Give your best to the Master; Give of the strength of your youth.  
Give a heart that's true in all that you do;  
give strength, give service and truth unto him.  
Give your best to the Master; Naught else is worthy his love.  
He gave himself for his ransom, gave up his glory above.

The Epistle Reading Matt Johnson  
John 1:29-42; NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 862-863)  
One: The Good News offered for all.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Matt Johnson  
*Come and See: A New Community*

†The Hymn of Response, No. 483 ELLESDIE  
*Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling*

1. Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the Master calls us, rich reward he offers free;  
who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me?"

2. If you cannot cross the ocean, and the distant lands explore,  
you can find the lost around you, you can help them at your door;  
if you cannot give your thousands, you can give the widow's mite;  
what you truly give for Jesus will be precious in his sight.

3. Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
while the lost of earth are dying, and the Master calls for you;  
take the task he gives you gladly; let his work your pleasure be;  
answer quickly when he calls you, "Here am I, send me, send me."

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Melanie Vick

†The Doxology OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him, above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

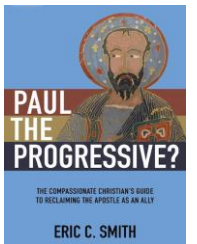
The Pastoral Benediction Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music Swedish Folk Melody  
arr. James Mansfield  
*O Store Gud*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

A new look at the Apostle Paul  
*Paul the Progressive?* by Eric C. Smith.



**New Sermon Series:** Began Sunday, January 15, 2023, Matt's sermon series *Come and See* is 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!

January 22 Come and See: *A New Identity*  
January 29 Come and See: *A New Blessing*  
February 5 Come and See: *A New Measurement*  
February 12 Come and See: *A New Rule*  
February 19 Come and See: *A New Vision*

## Quarterly Luncheon on Sunday, January 22 following the Worship Service.

This will be a POTLUCK meal, so we will need meats, vegetables, sides, breads & desserts. Tea and Lemonade will be provided.



The Church office will be **closed on Monday, January 16, 2023** for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.