

**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 _____	
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Best Time to Call:	Morning	Afternoon	Night
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Your Age Group:			
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Please check the applicable:			
<input type="checkbox"/> First time guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Returning guest		
<input type="checkbox"/> Would like information about the church			
<input type="checkbox"/> New to the area <input type="checkbox"/> Would like a visit			
<input type="checkbox"/> Would like to know more about becoming a Christian			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a guest of _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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**

**Jan 25**

Meatloaf / Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans / Roll / Dessert

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*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*; Words 1987 Rusty Edwards © 1987 Hope Publishing Co.;  
Music 1820 from Ananais Davisson's *Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony*, harm. Donald  
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Music 1864 Samuel S. Wesley  
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Music 1837 George J. Webb  
*Old 100-* 1551 Genevan Psalter  
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mask while in the sanctuary, there is a designated place on the side nearest the  
baptistry. 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 22, 2023*

*Third 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 22, 2023

The Welcoming & Announcements Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Ministry of Music text by Stafford Turner  
music by Frederick C. Atkinson  
*Today We Claim a New Identity*  
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, organ

Today we claim a new identity,  
we are a people of great urgency;  
we drop our nets to follow where you lead,  
and fish for people who your blessings need.

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. 353 JUBILEE  
*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing every dread disease,  
calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very Bread of peace.

2. Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong, yet gentle, word;  
praise the One who drove out demons with the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cold water to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.

3. Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious that we all may know God's grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done;  
let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one.

The Hebrew Bible Reading Nancy Easler  
Isaiah 9:1-4; NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 555)  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 476 AURELIA  
*You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

1. You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.  
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.  
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,  
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."

2. You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.  
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.  
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,  
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

3. We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;  
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.  
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,  
to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem Gordon Young  
*Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*  
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;  
that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.  
Sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise him forever,  
sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise him forever.  
Sing of his righteousness, praise him forever.

So let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;  
that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.  
Sing Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading Matt Johnson  
Matthew 4:12-23; NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 785)  
One: The Good News offered for all.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

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

†The Hymn of Response, No. 263 WEBB  
*To Worship, Work, and Witness*

1. To worship, work, and witness, the Good News spread abroad,  
we magnify your mission, Church of the living God;  
the Father's new creation through Jesus Christ his Son,  
the Spirit has empowered to do as Christ has done.

2. Be yours the Master's purpose to seek and save the lost,  
to ransom those in bondage, to dare nor count the cost;  
to love and lift the lowly, to heed the prisoner's groan,  
to take up other's burdens and bear them as your own.

3. As members of Christ's body, hold fast to Christ your Head;  
become Christ's open letter, by others to be read;  
bear witness as Christ's temple, himself the cornerstone,  
and be Christ's living altar whereon his love is shown.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Sara Gardner

†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

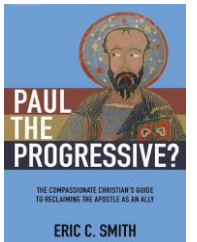
The Ministry of Music Samuel S. Wesley  
arr. Cindy Berry

*The Church's One Foundation*  
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 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 is today following the Worship Service.

Sunday, February 5  
**Coat & Blanket Giveaway**  
from 2-3pm  
If you can help, please be here by 1:30pm.