

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.
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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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All Members of Fernwood Baptist Church, Ministers

Mrs. Lee Anne BailieDirector of Family and Communication Ministries
 Mrs. Marcia HarrisAssistant Music Associate
 Rev. Matthew K. JohnsonSenior 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 8, 2023

*Baptism of Our Lord
 First 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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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 Lord's Day January 8, 2023

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Ministry of Music Robert Lowry
arr. Becky Waters

At the River
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 Hymn of Praise, No. 356 KREMSER
We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you,
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2. We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
through life's storm and tempest our Guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever we praise.

The Hebrew Bible Reading Barbara Jean Callaway

Isaiah 42:1-9; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 584-585)

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 152 COMPLAINER
When Jesus Came to Jordan

1. When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon, but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

2. He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most;
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem words by Larry E. Schultz
music by Hal Hopson

With Water Freely Flowing
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

With water freely flowing, we celebrate new birth,
in sacred sign expressing God's love for all the earth.
The Well of Living Water springs up for us this day;
engulfed by love's acceptance, our fears are washed away.

The Spirit, swiftly soaring, descending as a dove,
conveys the startling Presence on all whose vow is love.
The Breath of God within us enlivens and sustains,
beyond this rite of passage with us always remains.

By water and the Spirit baptized in Christ, we rise
to walk new paths unfolding before our opened eyes.
We journey from this moment, faith's pilgrimage embrace.
By Spirit and by water we feel and sense God's grace.

The Epistle Reading Matt Johnson

Matthew 3:13-17; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 784-785)

One: The Good News offered for all.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Matt Johnson

Remembering We Are Children of God...Through Baptism

†The Hymn of Response, No. 452 MARYTON
Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine

1. Come, Holy Spirit, Dove divine, on these baptismal waters shine,
and teach our hearts in highest strain, to praise the Lamb for sinners slain.

2. We love your name, we love your laws, and joyfully embrace your cause;
we love your cross, the shame, the pain, O Lamb of God, for sinners slain.

3. We sink beneath the water's face, and thank you for your saving grace;
we die to sin and seek a grave with you, beneath the yielding wave.

4. And as we rise with you to live, O let the Holy Spirit give
the sealing blessing from above, the joy of life, the fire of love.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Wayne Lyles

The Musical Reflection Marta Keen

Beside Still Waters
Rebecca Turner, piano

†The Doxology OLD 100th

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

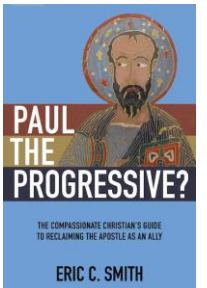
The Ministry of Music Janet Vogt

Rise Up With Him
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: 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!

January 15 Come and See: *A New Community*
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*

SAVE THE DATE

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.