

**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 _____	
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**

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.

**CHILDREN'S EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS**

Oct. 29 – Kathy Hensley    Nov. 5 – Clarence Batts    Nov. 12 – Scarlet Batts  
Nov. 19 – Penny Ginn    Nov. 26 – Wendy Case

**POINSETTIA TIME AGAIN**

It's that time of year that you can help decorate the sanctuary for Advent by purchasing poinsettias. Ordering begins Sunday, October 29, 2023 and the cost is: \$16.50. Deadline (NO EXCEPTIONS) is Wednesday, November 15, 2023. No orders will be taken over the phone. Order forms are located on the information table.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

**Reservation deadline is Monday at Noon.**

You can call 864-582-7467, email the [office@fernwoodchurch.org](mailto:office@fernwoodchurch.org) or fill out the registration form on the information table in the concourse and place it in the basket.

**Trunk or Treat is THIS EVENING from 4-6pm**

**Invite your friends & family.**

Candy donations through today  
(Place in boxes in concourse.)

We need adults to pass out candy at their car trunks.

Contact Lee Anne at [communications@fernwoodchurch.org](mailto:communications@fernwoodchurch.org)

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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  
Mr. Dean Newkirk.....Office Administrator  
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, October 29, 2023*

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sunday**

**9:45am - Sunday School (in-person and online)**

**11:00am - Worship (in-person and online)**

**Wednesday**

**5:30pm - Wednesday Night Supper**

**6:15pm - Bible Study for Adults (in-person and online)**

**6:15pm - Children's Missions, Music & More**

**7:15pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**

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# The Lord's Day

October 29, 2023

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

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

The Processional arr. Cindy Berry  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 306 MADRID  
*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

1. Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
Christ is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

The Psalm Reading Bailey Erps  
Psalm 19:7-14; NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 433)

**All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 443 HENDON  
*Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

1. Ask ye what great thing I know that delights and stirs me so?  
What the high reward I win? Whose the name I glory in?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

2. What is faith's foundation strong? What awakes my lips to song?  
He who bore my sinful load, purchased for me peace with God,  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

3. Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be?  
Who will place me on his right with the countless hosts of light?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

4. This is what great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so;  
faith in him who died to save, him who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem HAMBURG  
arr. Gilbert M. Martin

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Epistle Reading Matt Johnson

Philippians 3:4b-14; NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 954-955)

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Matt Johnson

*A G-Rated Gospel in an R-Rated World*

†The Hymn of Response, No. 641 HIGHER GROUND  
*Higher Ground*

1. I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day;  
still praying as I onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."  
*Refrain: Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith, on heaven's tableland,  
a higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

2. My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay;  
though some may dwell where those abound, my prayer, my aim,  
is higher ground. *Refrain*

3. I want to live above the world, though Satan's darts at me are hurled;  
for faith has caught the joyful sound, the song of saints on higher ground.  
*Refrain*

4. I want to scale the utmost height and catch a gleam of glory bright;  
but still I'll pray till heav'n I've found, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."  
*Refrain*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Clarence Batts

†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 Recessional Traditional Spanish Melody  
arr. John Innes

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.



## New Sermon Series Letters to Young Churches

10/29 A G-Rated Gospel in an R-Rated World  
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11/19 Not That Kind of Christian

