

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 _____	
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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.

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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.

CHILDREN’S EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Nov. 12 – Scarlet Batts Nov. 19 – Penny Ginn Nov. 26 – Wendy Case
Dec. 3 – Meghanne McDaniels Dec. 10 – Bailey Erps

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Reservation deadline is Monday at Noon.

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

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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
Rev. 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, November 12, 2023
Twenty-fourth 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

The Lord's Day November 12, 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. Douglas E. Wagner/Terry Rhinebold
'Tis the Gift to Be Simple
Fernwood Ringers
Terry Rhinebold, director; Rebecca Turner, piano

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 307 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
All Creatures of Our God and King
(vs. 1-3, 5)

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest us both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

5. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Psalm Reading Marijane Rhinebold
Psalm 96:1-9; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 479)
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 354 JOYFUL SONG
Praise Him! Praise Him!

1. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!
Hail him! Hail him! Highest archangels in glory,
Strength and honor give to his holy Name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children;
in his arms he carries them all day long:
Refrain: Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness!
Praise him! Praise him! Ever in joyful song!

2. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins, he suffered and bled and died;
he our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail him! Hail him! Jesus the crucified.
Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong: *Refrain*

3. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;
Crown him! Crown him! Prophet and priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious,
power and glory unto the Lord belong: *Refrain*

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem SIMPLE GIFTS
words Rebecca Hogan
arr. Stacey Nordmeyer
Come, Let Us Sing and Give Thanks
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Come, let us sing and give thanks to the Lord.
Let us sing our praises all in one accord.
Let the earth be glad, let the heav'ns rejoice
as we join our hearts in joyful voice.

We sing our grateful songs of praise,
worship the Lord throughout all our days,
as we share his love in all our ways,
for the Lord is good and worthy of praise.

The Epistle Reading Matt Johnson
I Thessalonians 1:1-10; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 959)
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Matt Johnson
Your Reputation Precedes You

†The Hymn of Response, No. 503 CANONBURY
Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

2. Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things that you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

3. Oh, fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

4. Oh, use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where,
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Sara Gardner

†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 Recessional Traditional Shaker melody
arr. Cindy Berry
Simple Gifts
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.



Current Sermon Series Letters to Young Churches

11/12 Your Reputation Precedes You
11/19 Not That Kind of Christian

POINSETTIA ORDERS

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

