

**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

Dec. 3 – Meghanne McDaniels    Dec. 10 – Bailey Erps    Dec. 17 – Laura Hicks

### 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.

### ANGEL TREE AND MORE

This year your Missions Team has decided to have our traditional Angel Tree and more! We will have angels on the tree that you may choose with suggested items needed for a child. We are also adding Christmas gift bags for the recipients of Mobile Meals and you will see these as green Christmas bulbs on the tree. Through these Christmas bulbs, Mobile Meals will be able to share the joy of Christmas with their recipients. For some, this will be the only gift they receive. All angel gifts need to be wrapped. The green Christmas bulb gifts need to be returned in Christmas gift bags. Please take an angel or a Christmas bulb to make your contribution and return to the church, under the tree in the concourse by December 15th, so they can be distributed to the families and Mobile Meals recipients. (Note: Please no travel size items in the Mobile Meals gift bag gifts).

Thank you for being the hands and feet for God,  
*Missions Team*

### FAMILY CAROLING AND CHILI DINNER - Sun., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 4PM-7PM

Meet at the church in the dining hall. We will go caroling and then return to share chili. Open to all church family. Please sign up on the information.

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### 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

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, December 3, 2023*

*First Sunday of Advent*

### 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 December 3, 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 John Francis Wade  
arr. Edgar Horton  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
Fernwood Ringers, Terry Rhinebold, director

The Lighting of the Candle of Hope McDaniels Family

The Carol of Hope MUELLER  
*A Candle is Burning*  
Verse 1

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
a candle of hope in December's dark night.  
While angels sing blessings from Heaven's starry sky,  
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 87 FESTAL SONG  
*Arise, Your Light Is Come*

1. Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

2. Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

4. Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

The Liturgical Colors Peggy Beard

The Hebrew Bible Reading Kelsey Carithers  
Isaiah 64:1-4 NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 606)  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 88 MERLE'S TUNE  
*Blest Be the God of Israel*

1. Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;  
who visits and redeems us and grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy, of rescue and release;  
God shall fulfill the promise to bring the people peace.

2. Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;  
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.  
Before him goes the Herald, forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation, the messenger of day.

3. Where once were fear and darkness the sun begins to rise,  
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,  
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the path of peace,  
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem David Lasky  
*Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*  
Sanctuary Choir; Marcia Harris, piano

Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free;  
from our sins and fears release us, free us from captivity.  
Israel's strength and consolation, you, the hope of all the earth,  
dear desire of ev'ry nation, come and save us by your birth.

Born your people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring.  
By your own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;  
by your all-sufficient merit, raise us to your glorious throne.

The Epistle Reading Matt Johnson  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 926)  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Matt Johnson  
*Different Ways of Waiting*

†The Hymn of Response, No. 96 HOUSTON  
*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.  
*Refrain:*  
*In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.*  
*The Lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

2. I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Mary Phillips

†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 Roland Prichard  
arr. Benton Price

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
Marcia Harris, organ

†Please stand, as you are able.



**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson** - Come and hear the Christmas story with a new slant on the real meaning of Christmas TONIGHT at 6PM in the sanctuary. Presented in a Readers' Theater format by Fernwood's Seed Bearers drama group. Invite your friends!



Reservation is **required** – **DEADLINE** is TODAY, so our caterer will prepare enough food. Please sign up today on the sheet located outside of the sanctuary on the information table.

**Menu: Spiral Sliced Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls and Tea or Lemonade.**  
Vegan meals available. Please text Smitty (864) 978-7671 to reserve a Vegan meal.

**Staff Love Gift** - Would you consider a "Love Offering" to our staff? You can give online "Staff Love Gift" or by mailing to the church office. P.O. Box 7058, Spartanburg, SC 29304 or by placing it in the offering plate on Sundays. Deadline is **Sunday, December 17.**

**A Service of Lessons and Carols** - During the service on December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Music Ministry of Fernwood will present *A Service of Lessons and Carols*. We hope you will be able to attend!

**CBF GLOBAL MISSIONS** - When you give to the offering for Global Missions, you are participating in God's equipping work through the Global Church.