

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 _____	
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.*

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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

Dec. 31 – Diane Blackburn Jan. 7 – Peggy Beard Jan. 14 – Amy Said
Jan. 21 – Mike Hensley Jan. 28 – Justin Hicks

Still, Still, Still; Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Larry Sue
Once in Royal David's City; Words 1848 Cecil F. Alexander; Music 1849 Henry J. Gauntlett;
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While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks; Words 1700 Nahum Tate; Music 1812 *Harmonia Sacra*, arr. 1728 G. F. Handel
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Child in a Manger; Words 19th Century, Mary MacDonald, tr. 1888 Lachlan Macbean;
Music Trad. Gaelic melody, harm. 2007 Mark Edwards © 2010 Celebrating Grace, Inc.
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Music 1818 Franz Grueber
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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, December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

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 Night of our Savior’s Birth December 24, 2023

The Welcome & Opening Prayer Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Ministry of Music Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Larry Sue

Still, Still, Still
Fernwood Ringers
Terry Rhinebold, director

†The Processional Carol, No. 104 IRBY
Once in Royal David’s City
(Verses 1-3)

1. Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. For he is our childhood’s pattern; day by day on earth he grew;
he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

Telling the Story: The Birth of Jesus Bill Fields
Luke 2:1-7; NRSV
(Pew Bible, pages 832-833)

Lighting the Christ Candle The Johnson Family

The Carol of Christ MUELLER
A Candle is Burning
Verse 5

We honor Messiah with Christ's candle flame,
Our Christmas Eve candle’s glad tidings proclaim.
O Come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.

Telling the Story: The Announcement to the Shepherds Nancy Kay
Luke 2:8-14; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 833)

†Carol, No. 123 CHRISTMAS
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
(Verses 1-4)

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.

2. “Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind.
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind, to you and humankind.

3. “To you, in David’s town, this day is born of David’s line
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:

4. “The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid, and in a manger laid.”

The Children’s Story Cynthia Cotten

This Is the Stable
Barbara Jean Callaway

Telling the Story: Come and See Warren Kay
Luke 2:15-20; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 833)

†Carol, No. 112 BUNESSAN
Child in a Manger

1. Child in a manger, infant of Mary; outcast and stranger, Lord of all;
Child who inherits all our transgressions, all our demerits on him fall.

2. Once the most holy Child of salvation gently and lowly lived below;
now as our glorious mighty Redeemer, see him victorious o’er each foe.

3. Prophets foretold him, infant of wonder; angels behold him on his throne;
worthy our Savior of all our praises; happy forever are his own.

The Anthem MARVEL
words Jaroslav J. Vajda
arr. Carl Schalk

Before the Marvel of This Night
Sanctuary Choir; Marcia Harris, organ

Before the marvel of this night, adoring, fold your wings and bow,
then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease:
sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song, this is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heav’nly bliss, a teasing taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known, our constant love and endless light,
now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon this deathly night.
Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above:
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love!

The Reflection Matt Johnson
The Good Earth

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Russ Blackburn

The Musical Reflection Buddy Greene and Mark Lowry
arr. Amy J. Snyder

Mary, Did You Know?
Paul Gentry, piano

The Lighting of Candles

†Carol, No. 134 STILLE NACHT
Silent Night, Holy Night

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant so tender and
mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.
Glory streams from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, “Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming
grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

4. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

The Benediction Matt Johnson

CBF GLOBAL MISSIONS - When you give to the offering for
Global Missions, you are helping to equip the church to do God’s
will in a broken world, a world in need of The Great Shepherd,
Jesus Christ. **Offering Deadline is 12-31-23.**

KEY INFORMATION & YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS
Church Office will be **closed** on **Monday, December 25th** and
Tuesday, December 26th. It will reopen on **Wednesday,**
December 27th for the entire day and a half day on **Thursday,**
December 28th. If you would like to drop your contribution by
the church office, you may do so from **Wednesday, December**
27th until **12PM** on **Thursday, December 28th**. You may also
include it in the Sunday morning offering received during the
11AM Worship Service on Sunday, December 31st.
Contributions received after that time will be posted in the new
year 2024. *Thank you so much for your contributions and support*
of Fernwood Baptist Church!

There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Dec. 31st. Worship will
begin at regular time 11:00AM. **Church Office** will be **closed** on
Monday, January 1st.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are here and may be picked up
from the information table in the lobby. *Please be sure you look*
closely at the name when picking up your envelopes and only pick
up yours.

BIBLE STUDY & WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER REMINDERS
There will be no Bible Study or Wednesday Night Supper on
Wednesday, Dec. 27th. Wednesday night activities will resume
on **Wednesday, Jan. 3rd**. **Reservation deadline for that meal is**
Tuesday, Jan. 2nd 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.

1/3 – *The Gifts of the Gentiles*

1/10 – *Beginnings (NEW series starting – “Being The Presence of*
Christ: A Vision of Transformation” by Daniel Vestal)

1/17 – *The Basics*