

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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5. Text from your phone: 73256 then keyword “fernwood” and dollar amount and follow the instructions.

The church office will be **closed on Monday, January 15, 2024** for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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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, January 14, 2024
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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 January 14, 2024

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 A. Cyril Barham-Gould
arr. Jack Schrader
May the Mind of Christ
Marcia Harris, organ

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 299 OLD 134TH
Stand Up and Bless the Lord

1. Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of his choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

2. Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name, and laud and magnify?

3. O for the living flame from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought!

4. God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

5. Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name, henceforth forevermore.

The Psalm Reading Clare Johnson
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 503)
*Choral Response: Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me, and know my thoughts.*
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

†The Hymn of Adoration, 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. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which 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 Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem GREENCASTLE
Edith Sinclair Downing
If I Fly as Birds at Dawning
Sanctuary Choir; Marcia Harris, organ
Terry Rhinebold, bell

If I fly as birds at dawning, travel to the farthest sea,
you are there, my God, my Refuge, there to hold me lovingly.
In my time of desolation help me feel your presence near.
Send a light amid the darkness, bringing hope to calm my fear.

In my mother's womb you formed me, piece by piece with tender care.
Secretly you placed within me words of life for me to share.
God, your thoughts for me are boundless, more than I can ever know.
They will comfort me forever. What a debt to you I owe!

Keep me faithful, full of wonder, as my days on earth unroll.
Walk beside me, and protect me from those who would wound my soul.
Search me, test my inmost being, root out all my selfish ways.
Lead me on to life eternal. I will praise you all my days.

The Hebrew Bible Reading Matt Johnson
I Samuel 3:1-20 NRSV
(Pew Bible, pages 215-216)
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Matt Johnson
Killing the Prophets

†The Hymn of Response, No. 510 BECK
Lord, Here Am I

1. Master, thou callest, I gladly obey;
only direct me, and I'll find thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me,
what is my labor, and where it shall be.
*Refrain: Master, thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."*

2. Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;
willing to suffer reproaches and loss.
Willing to follow, if thou wilt but lead;
only support me with grace in my need. *Refrain*

3. Living, or dying, I still would be thine;
yet I am mortal while thou art divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;
pity, and bring me again to the light. *Refrain*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Wayne Lyles

†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.

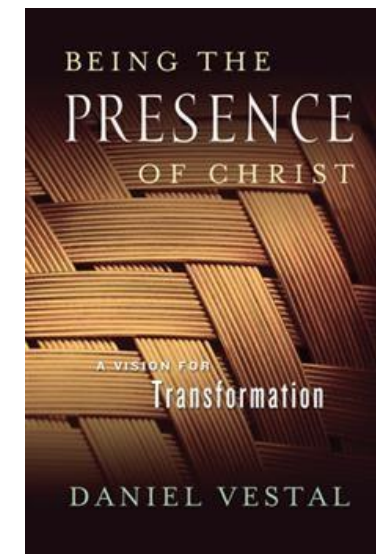
The Pastoral Benediction Matt Johnson

The Recessional Traditional English Melody
arr. Lauren Gadd
I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Marcia Harris, organ

†Please stand, as you are able.

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JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - Our Bible Study Series begins at 6:15PM and we will continue looking at the book, "*Being the Presence of Christ: A Vision of Transformation*", by Daniel Vestal.



1/17 – *The Basics*

1/24 – *Dr. Nancy Kay*

1/31 – *Prayer: Practicing the Presence of Christ*

2/7 – *Contemplative Prayer: Resting in the Presence of Christ*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Reservation deadline is Monday at Noon.

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

CHILDREN'S EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Jan. 14 – Amy Said **Jan. 21** – Mike Hensley
Jan. 28 – Justin Hicks