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WELCOME!

We are honored to worship God with you today! If you would like to become a member of Fernwood Baptist Church or if you need pastoral care, we invite you to speak with the pastor following the Worship service, email office@fernwoodchurch.org or call the office at 864-582-7467.

IF YOU'RE A GUEST

We invite you to visit our Welcome Center for a free gift. You may also **scan the QR code** with your mobile device or text "hello" to 864-501-0585 for more information.



WEDNESDAYS

Join us for supper and Bible study each week. Supper starts at **5:30 pm** followed by prayer time and Bible study at **6:15 pm**. **Fill out the registration form** on the information table and place it in the basket to **reserve your Wednesday night meals**. You can also call 864-582-7467 or email office@fernwoodchurch.org by **noon on Mondays**. \$9.00 for 12 yr. old and older, \$5.00 for 4 yr. – 11 yr. old, 3 & under FREE. **Please remember, if you sign up for a meal and don't notify the office that you will be out, you're responsible for payment.**

Our Vision is to be Christ to each other and our community - doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with our God.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

- 9:00am – Fernwood Ringers**
- 9:45am – Sunday School** (*in-person and online*)
- 10:55am – Worship** (*in-person and online*)

Wednesday

- 5:30pm – Wednesday Night Supper**
- 6:15pm – Prayer & Bible Study for Adults**
- 7:00pm – 8pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**

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All Members of Fernwood Baptist Church, Ministers

- Mrs. Lee Anne Bailie.....Director of Communication Ministries
- Ms. Caroline Creel.....Nursery Attendant
- Mrs. Sunny Hall.....Administrative Assistant
- Mrs. Marcia Harris.....Assistant Music Associate
- Mr. Seth Johnson.....Nursery Attendant
- Mr. Tom Tarkington.....Custodian
- Mrs. Rebecca Turner.....Music Associate
- Dr. Stafford Turner.....Director of Music Ministries
- Mrs. Mary Helen Wessinger.....Financial Administrator
- Rev. Dr. P. Randall Wright.....Pastor Emeritus

PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

On January 4th, the pastor candidate will deliver the message at 11:00am, which will be followed by the Congregational vote.

2025 CBF Global Missions Offering Emphasis

During the season of Advent, Fernwood has provided multiple opportunities for each of us to embrace as we prepare a way for the Lord in our hearts and celebrate the birth of Jesus. During the Season of Advent, you have had many opportunities to serve our neighbors per our Mission Statement.

CBF personnel are present in countries around the world, bearing witness to Jesus Christ and nurturing relationships with friends and neighbors.



The Lord's Day | Sunday, January 4, 2026
Epiphany of the Lord

- The Welcome & Announcements Lee Anne Bailie
- The Passing of the Peace Lee Anne Bailie
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
- The Preparation for Worship Johann Schop
arr. Victor Labenske
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
Rebecca Turner, piano
- Call to Worship** Stafford Turner
We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.
God, help us find your glory.
We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.
God, help us notice your glory.
We gather as people yearning for Love's presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.
God, help us encounter your glory.
On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.
God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.

†The Hymn of Worship, No. 150

As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
there to bend the knee before Christ whom Heaven and Earth adore,
so may we with willing feet, ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare at the manger rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

The Old Testament Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV
(Pew Bible, Page 783)

Kelsey Carithers

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Special Music

We Three Kings
The Fernwood Ringers
Terry Rhinebold, director

arr. Jason W. Krug

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Kelli Kirksey

The Anthem

How Faint the Stable Lantern's Light
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Timothy Dudley-Smith
David W. Music

How faint the stable lantern's light, but in the east afar,
upon the darkness burning bright there shines a single star.
Lullaby, lullaby, there shines a single star.

A homeless child is brought to birth, yet love and faith shall find
a candle lit for all the earth, the hope of human kind.
Lullaby, lullaby, the hope of human kind.

A flame to warm the barren hearth, a lamp for all who roam,
to shine upon the heavenward path and light our journey home.
Lullaby, lullaby, and light our journey home.

The Gospel Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 602)

Kelli Kirksey

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Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Arise and Shine

Kelli Kirksey

†The Carol of Response, No. 87

Arise, Your Light Is Come

FESTAL SONG

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 Prayer of Thanksgiving

Nathan Erps

†The Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Pastoral Benediction

Kelli Kirksey

The Reflection of Worship

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

William Croft
arr. David W. Music

†Please stand, as you are able.

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