



# THE GATHERING

BAPTISM OF THE LORD \*

JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Preaching:** Rev. Michael Precht

**Liturgist:** Jennifer Jones

**Communion Servers:** Nadine & Barry Baskin

**Music:** Shea White and Praise Band

**Media and Sound:** Cole Jones, Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour

**Stephen Minister:** Kim Gibson

**Ushers:** Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Scearce, Phil Webb

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OPENING SONG *Praise*  
WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP  
SINGING OUR PRAISE

PSALM 95

*Praise You Anywhere*

*No Longer Slaves*

*Waymaker*

*Children who are 5 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade can meet at the side door for Children's Church. They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the Pier Room upstairs in the Education Building.*  
*Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger in the Education Building.*

SCRIPTURE *1 Corinthians 10:13*

SERMON *Drink from a Deeper Stream*

CONFESSiON AND PARDON

Faithful God, we confess we often live without limits. We fill every quiet moment, give our attention to too many things, and allow distraction and excess to shape our days. We turn to what is easy instead of what is life-giving, and sometimes what was meant to serve us begins to master us. Forgive us, restore our freedom, and teach us to say "enough." Help us trust your grace and walk in the way you provide.

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are not left captive to temptation or excess, but are forgiven, restored, and formed for freedom. By grace, we are given strength to endure and new life to begin again. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

BENEDICTION

## THIS WEEK

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Sunday Schools  
9:45am Coffee with the Pastors  
11:00am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Gathering Worship  
2:00pm Discovery Drama Team  
2:00pm District Conference

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 12**

9:15am Walk & Talk with Jesus  
10:00am Knit & Crochet for a Purpose  
3:00pm Grief Support Group  
6:30pm Survivors of Suicide Support Group

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 13**

9:30am Fruit of the Spirit Study  
12:30pm Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group  
1:30pm Chemo Care Bag Assembly  
6:00pm Handbell Choir

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14**

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry  
1:30pm Dr. Ann's Drop in Study  
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:00pm Rev. Precht's Drop-In Bible Study  
6:00pm Chancel Choir Practice  
6:00pm SALT Student Ministry  
6:00pm Pier Kids & Swift Ministry

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 15**

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 16**

11:00am-1pm Community Café

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 17**

9:00am-2:00pm Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:00am-2:00pm Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing  
9:45am Sunday Schools  
9:45am Rise Against Hunger  
11:00am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Gathering Worship  
2:00pm Discovery Drama Team  
6:00pm MLK Keynote Program & Service Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Welcome Dinner | January 15**

New to our church or considering membership? Join us on January 15<sup>th</sup> for a Welcome Dinner for new members and visitors who have been worshiping with us and would like to learn more about our community in a relaxed, friendly setting. RSVP through the QR code.

### **Courageous Living Dual Sermon Series | January 18**

Next Sunday we will host a Dual Sermon Series as both worship services explore the theme of courage. The sanctuary message will focus on navigating technology with confidence and wisdom as we age. In the Gathering, families will be invited to consider what courageous Christian parenting looks like in a tech- and AI-driven world. Join us for this special Sunday as we learn, reflect, and practice courageous Christian living together.

### **Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event |**

#### **January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

Join us from 9am-2pm at the Fairhope Rotary Youth Club (19128 Young St.) to pack meals, or donate via the QR code. All ages are welcome. For more information, contact Jennifer Myrick [missions@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:missions@fairhopeumc.org)

### **Discovery Weekend | January 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>**

This church-wide event for our youth relies on many hands. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Miles([students@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:students@fairhopeumc.org)) This amazing weekend will culminate in a **combined worship service at 11am in the Gathering on the 25th**.

### **Dill Lecture Series with Bishop Jonathan Holston |**

#### **January 25<sup>th</sup>**

Bishop Holsten will offer his insights and inspiration at the 2026 Dill Lecture Series hosted at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Holston will also preside over FUMC worship on February 1<sup>st</sup> at the 8:30am and **combined 11am services**.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THOSE IN POVERTY | CHILDREN | NEIGHBORHOODS**

**CELEBRATION:**

Jill Gates and Brian Norris on the birth of their daughter, Allie Renee (1/8/2026).

**HOSPITALIZED:**

David Baker, John Ryan Jones

**SYMPATHY:**

Carol and Roy Cowan in the death of his brother, Joe Cowan.

Mary and Van Finger in the death of his sister, Mary Margaret Jones.

Dawn and Mike Herrin in the loss of her father, Melvin Lucas.

**Monthly Finance Report:** Through October, income and expenses remain on track with our 2025 budget. We anticipate ending the year with a small increase in reserves.

If you would like more information about church membership, contact one of our pastors or attend **Coffee with the Pastors on January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45AM in the Christian Life Center Parlor.** Look for directional signs on Sunday morning.

**ONE LINK. ALL THE INFO.** Want to sign up? Volunteer? Register your kids? RSVP for an event? Scan the QR code to access all of Fairhope UMC's resources in one place! Stay in the loop...**SCAN NOW!**



**"LOVE BOLDLY, CASTING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD"**

REV. MICHAEL PRECHT, SENIOR PASTOR  
DR. KRISTEN CURTIS WRIGHT, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

REV. SHEILA BATES, SOUTHWEST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT  
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