



THE GATHERING

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY *

JANUARY 18TH, 2026 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching: Rev. Michael Precht

Liturgist: Emery Capstraw

Communion Servers: Jennifer Galloway

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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

Stephen Minister: Ann Pearson

Ushers: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Scarce, Phil Webb

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The third season of the Christian year, "Ordinary Time," is devoted to Jesus' preaching and healing ministry. It is a time to meditate on God's will for the order of things — God's "ordinary" is extraordinary to us!*

OPENING SONG

Build Your Kingdom Here

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

REVELATION 4

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Holy is the Lord

The Lion and the Lamb

Who You Say I Am

Children who are 5 years old through 6th 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

Daniel 1:6-17

SERMON

Stand Without Falling

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Faithful God, we confess that we often choose what is easiest rather than what is faithful.

Forgive us when fear, rather than trust, shapes our decisions, and when we try to stand on our own instead of leaning on your grace. Help us learn again how to stand without falling.

Hear the good news: the God who was with Daniel and his friends is with us still. By the grace of God, we are given courage to stand firm. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 19-MLK HOLIDAY Office Closed

3:00pm Grief Support Group
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00am Youth Breakfast Club
9:30am Fruit of the Spirit Study
9:30am Caregiver's Support Group
6:00pm Anchored in Hope Support Group

6:00pm Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry
1:30pm Dr. Ann's Drop in Study
4:15pm Lighthouse Children's Choir
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 22

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23-DISCOVERY WEEKEND

11:00am-1pm Community Café

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24-DISCOVERY WEEKEND

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00am-1:00pm Blood Drive
8:30am Traditional Worship
9:45am Sunday Schools
11:00am Combined Gathering Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENU ~ JANUARY 21ST

Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, Cake

Kids: Popcorn Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Cookies

Go online or call the church office to make your reservation!

MLK, Jr. Community Worship Service | January 18th

Join us for a special Community Worship Service on January 18th at 6pm in the sanctuary as part of the Baldwin County Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Guest speaker Pamela W. Baschab will bring the message as we gather in unity to honor Dr. King's legacy through worship and reflection.

Discovery Weekend | January 23rd -25th

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

Dill Lecture Series with Bishop Jonathan Holston | January 25th

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

Created By God | February 27th-28th

Registration is now open for **Created by God: Wonderfully Made**, a powerful workshop for 5th-6th graders and their parents to learn about their growing bodies through a faith-filled, age-appropriate lens. Led by trusted local physicians, this course helps families start meaningful conversations about puberty, body changes, and relationships. To register or learn more use the QR code.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN | LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS |

OUR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

SYMPATHY:

Cindy and Mike McBrearty in the loss of her father, and Colin and Melanie McBrearty in the loss of his grandfather, Dr. Richard Rutland.

Marty Stinebaugh in the loss of her husband, and Michael, Matthew, and Geoffrey Stinebaugh in the loss of their father, Dr. James Stinebaugh, Jr.

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 February 8th @ 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!**



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