



JAZZ SUNDAY
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 23, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM
✠please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Come Sunday* (ELLINGTON)

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 37:1-4

Do not fret because of the wicked; **do not be envious of wrongdoers,**
for they will soon fade like the grass, **and wither like the green herb.**
Trust in the Lord and do good; **live in the land and enjoy security.**
Take delight in the Lord, **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

✠ HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* UMH 526

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY *My Good Lord's Done Been Here* (THOMAS)

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11 AM)

Children 4 years old and up 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.

HYMN *Victory In Jesus* UMH 370

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by your Word you provide all we need—for salvation, for wholeness, for abundant life. Now draw us close in your Spirit so that we may discover your will and live according to your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ SCRIPTURE *Luke 6:27-36*

SERMON *The Stump Speech, Part 2*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ HYMN

When the Saints Go Marching In

LYRICS PRINTED BELOW

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

When the Saints Reprise

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Band Members:

Pat Crowley, drums
Blake Nolte, sax
John Richardson, piano
Josh Titford, bass
Susan Unger, trumpet

Preacher:

Rev. Michael Precht

Liturgist:

Steve Pearson

Usher:

Mark Woodrow

Chancel Choir

Director, Tom Hood

Media:

8:30 Colin Richardson

11:00 Toby Monckton

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in appreciation of our Music Ministry.*

WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

*O, when the saints go marching in
O, when the saints go marching in
O Lord I want, to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.*

*O when the sun, refuse to shine;
O when the sun, refuse to shine;
O Lord I want, to be in that number.
When the sun, refuse to shine*

*O when they crown him Lord of all;
O when they crown him Lord of all;
O Lord I want to be in that number,
When they crown him Lord of all.*

THIS WEEK

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8:30am Traditional Worship
9:30am Confirmation Class
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
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11:00am The Gathering Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00am Knit and Crochet
3:00pm Grief Support Group
6:30pm SOS Survivors of Suicide

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12:30pm Tough Dogs Cancer
Support Group
6:00pm Trustees
6:00pm Handbell Practice

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1:30pm Weekly Bible Study
4:15-5:00pm Kids Choir (K-6th)
5-6:00pm Wednesday Supper
6-7:30pm Pier Kids (K-4th)
6-7:30pm SWIFT (5th-6th)
6-7:45pm SALT Student Ministry
6:00pm Pastor's Drop-in Study
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

11am-1:00pm Community Café

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WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENU ~ FEBRUARY 26

Chicken Marsala
Mashed Potatoes
Creamed Spinach
Garlic Knots
King Cake

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MEDICAL PERSONNEL | FIRST RESPONDERS | MILITARY PERSONNEL

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

JOHN RYAN JONES

SYMPATHY:

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF VICKI CULVER

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



THE GATHERING

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Laura Parker

Acolytes: Caroline Turner, Hadley Turner

Media and Sound: Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour, Nellie Meyers

Communion Servers: Anne & Lane Dorman, Shelly & Rick Fitzhugh, Mary & Noah
Funderburg, Emily & Doug Garner

**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

Praise

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 37:1-4

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Reckless Love

Goodness of God

Holy Forever

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:27-36

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SERMON

The Stump Speech, Part 2

REV. LAURA PARKER

CONFESSION & PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love those who love us; we show kindness to those who are kind to us; we give when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Children of the Most High God, through Jesus Christ our Lord we have received grace in good measure—spilling out and running over.

Thanks be to God.

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP[†]

BENEDICTION

[†]You do not have to be a member of this church, or of any, to receive from Christ's table. We welcome all who desire to meet Christ in this meal where he has promised to meet us.

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