



# THE GATHERING

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY \*

FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Preaching:** Bishop Jonathan Holston

**Liturgists:** Rev. Michael Precht, Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

**Communion Servers:** Emily & Doug Garner, Katie & Lee Turner

**Music:** Shea White and Praise Band, Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

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

**Stephen Minister:** Dr. Ann Pearson

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

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*\*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 *This is Amazing Grace*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 148

SINGING OUR PRAISE

*Rise Up (Lazarus)*

*Reckless Love*

*King of Kings*

*Children's Church will not be held today. On the first Sunday of each month,  
children stay for the entire service so they can worship and receive Holy Communion with their families.  
Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger in the Education Building.*

SCRIPTURE

*Micah 6:6-8*

SERMON

*The Heart of the Matter*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

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, FEBRUARY 1

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Sunday Schools  
11:00am Combined Gathering  
Worship

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00am Quarterly Birthday  
Celebration  
3:00pm Grief Support Group  
6:00pm Stephen Minister  
Supervision

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00am Youth Breakfast Club  
9:30am Fruit of the Spirit Study  
9:30am Caregiver's Support Group  
5:30pm Handbell Choir

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry  
1:30pm Dr. Ann's Drop-in Bible  
Study  
4:00pm Coastal Community  
Dinner Crew  
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, FEBRUARY 5

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

11:00am-1pm Community Café

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Sunday Schools  
9:45am Coffee with the Pastors  
11:00am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Gathering Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENU ~ FEBRUARY 4TH

**ITALIAN STUFFED SHELLS, SEASONED GREEN BEANS,  
CAESAR SALAD, ROLLS, LEMON CREAM CAKE**

**Kids: Meatball Sub, Fruit, Italian Ice**

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

### Quarterly Birthday Celebration | February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Drop-In Quarterly Birthday Celebration for members  
with birthdays in December, January, or February.  
Join us in the CLC Parlor between 10:00 and  
11:30am. RSVP to Dr. Ann Pearson.  
[Ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:Ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org)

### Jazz Sunday & Brunch | February 15<sup>th</sup>

Join us as we celebrate the season with joyful jazz  
music interwoven throughout our worship services.  
We will gather at 8:30am and for a **combined  
11:00am service in the Sanctuary**. Between services, a  
Jazz Brunch will be served at 9:45am in Wesley Hall.  
Come enjoy this vibrant musical offering and time for  
fellowship.

### Ash Wednesday Worship Services | February 18<sup>th</sup>

Join us for worship and the imposition of ashes as we  
begin this sacred journey through Lent together.  
Services will be held at Noon and at 6:00pm in the  
evening, as well as a come-and-go imposition of ashes  
by the bay at 4:00pm. All are welcome to enter this  
season with reflection, humility, and renewal.

### Created By God | February 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

Created by God; Wonderfully Made is a powerful  
workshop for 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents to learn  
about their growing bodies through a faith-filled, age-  
appropriate lens. This course helps families start  
meaningful conversations about body changes and  
relationships. To register use the QR code.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CIVIC SERVANTS | CONGREGATION | PRISONERS

## HOSPITALIZED

Bill Calhoun, Bill Varner

**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 8<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!**



**FAIRHOPE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

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