



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY,  
FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

✠ PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE

*Allemanda*

ARCANGELO CORELLI

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

✠ HYMN

*Love Divine,  
All Loves Excelling*

UMH 384

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY

*Our God Is Love*

MCDONALD

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

*11:00- Children 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.*

HYMN

*The Gift of Love*

UMH 408

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ SCRIPTURE *1 Corinthians 13*

SERMON *What is Love?*

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Gracious God, we confess that we are quick to compare, slow to listen, and tempted to insist on our own way. We have allowed fear, competition, and convenience to shape our words more than love. Forgive us for the ways we have participated in division rather than seeking the more excellent way you set before us.**

Hear the good news: We love because God first loved us. In Christ there is grace to heal what is fractured and form us anew. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

✠ HYMN

*Jesu, Jesu*

UMH 432

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Psalms 19*

BENEDETTO MARCELLO

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30  
Mary Finger, Dr. Ann Pearson,  
Lucy Sowell  
11:00  
Meri Catherine &  
Jason Brasfield,  
Amy & Julies O'Rear

### PREACHER:

Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

### LITURGISTS:

Steve Christensen  
Steve Pearson

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

Betty Stejskal

### MUSIC

Chancel Choir  
Director, Tom Hood  
Accompanist,  
John Richardson

### MEDIA:

Colin Richardson  
Hackett Robertson

### STEPHEN MINISTER:

8:30 Penn White  
11:00 Shirley Ryals

### ACOLYTES:

11:00  
Bennett Harrison, Emma Waldhour

### USHER:

Head Usher, Mark Woodrow

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

Betty Stejskal

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of the leaders and volunteers of Discovery Weekend from the congregation of Fairhope United Methodist Church.

## THIS WEEK

### 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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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, FEBRUARY 10

7:00am Youth Breakfast Club  
9:30am Fruit of the Spirit Study  
12:30pm Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group  
1:30pm Chemo Care Bag Assembly  
5:30pm Handbell Choir

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry  
1:30pm Dr. Ann's Drop-in Bible 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, FEBRUARY 12

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

11:00am-1pm Community Café

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15-

#### JAZZ SUNDAY

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Jazz Brunch  
11:00am Combined Traditional Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENU ~ FEBRUARY 11TH

**CHICKEN AND WILD RICE CASSEROLE, SEASONED  
GREEN BEANS, ROLLS, CAKE**

**Kids: Popcorn Chicken, Fruit, Cookies**

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

### 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

**SINGLE PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE | FOR OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND  
LABORERS | FIRST RESPONDERS**

## **CELEBRATION**

Laura Smith – Douaihi & Gustavo Douaihi in the birth of their daughter Lydia Juliana Smith-Douaihi (January 29, 2026). Big Brother is Samuel Smith-Douaihi, grandparents are Agnes and Harry Smith.

## **HOSPITALIZED**

Bill Calhoun, Jolene Schmitt

**Monthly Finance Report:** Giving for 2025 came in just shy of our anticipated budget. but about \$15,000 ahead of our expenses, creating for a net surplus for the year. In addition, we received our Employee Retention Credit from the IRS, creating a \$400,000+ total surplus for the year. This allows us to plan for some overdue facility maintenance, includnig phase two of sealing our brick and masonry. We are still reconciling our expenses from January; giving for the month was about \$6,000 short of January expectation.

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!**



**"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  
BISHOP L. JONATHAN HOLSTON, ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE

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