



THE GATHERING

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY *
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching: Rev. Michael Precht

Liturgists: Alicia Searcy

Communion Servers: Sidney Carol & Miles Barnhardt, Alicia & Stephen Searcy

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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

Stephen Minister: Kathy Ellis

Ushers: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Scearce, 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 *Your Grace is Enough*
WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 100
SINGING OUR PRAISE
Praise You Anywhere
Run to the Father
Graves into Gardens

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 *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.

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

BENEDICTION

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 15th

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 18th

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 27th-28th

Created by God; Wonderfully Made is a powerful workshop for 5th-6th 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, including 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 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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