



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 30, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

✠ please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Meditations on Psalm 5:3* DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

“In the morning will I direct my prayer to you, O Lord, and I will look up.”

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS JOHN 19:19-22

INSCRIPTION: “INRI”

Hosanna! We lift our voices to the King of kings.

What his tormenters meant for shame is now revealed as glorious truth.

Even on the cross, He was declared King.

Let us worship our risen Lord.

✠ HYMN *To God Be the Glory* UMH 98

✠ THE APOSTLES’ CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* FORREST

✠ THE LENTEN REFRAIN THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down.

I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT (11 AM)

Children 4 years old up to 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.

HYMN *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed* UMH 294

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and bodies to the re-creating power of your Word, that we may see the world through the mind of Christ and live in the world as a foretaste of your new creation. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

✠ SCRIPTURE *Romans 3:21-26*

SERMON *Jesus Died To Bring Justice*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

God embraces all who return in true repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

✠ HYMN

Nothing But the Blood

UMH 362

✠ BENEDICTION

Depart in quiet reflection

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Emily Garner
Elliot Determann
Judd Determann
Jentry Determann

11:00

Ann Claunch
Steve Pearson
Katie Robertson
Robby Robertson

PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht

LITURGIST:

Steve Pearson

GREETER:

8:30

Trish Sutley

USHER:

Mark Woodrow

MUSIC

CHANCEL CHOIR
Director, Tom Hood

INSTRUMENTS

Accompanist,
John Richardson

MEDIA:

Colin Richardson
Hackett Robertson

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Embrace Alabama Kids by Mike and Rosie Lockwood.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

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

MONDAY, MARCH 31

10:00am Knit and Crochet
3:00pm Grief Support Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

9:30am Caregivers Support
6:00pm Handbell Practice

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

1:30pm Weekly Bible Study
4:15-5:00pm Kids Choir (K-6th)
5-6:00pm Wednesday Supper
6-7:30pm Pier & SWIFT Kids
6-7:45pm SALT Student Ministry
6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study
6:00pm Adult Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

11am-1:00pm Community Café

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

8:00am Stephen Ministry Trng
8:30am Traditional Worship
9:30am Confirmation Class
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Traditional Worship
11:00am The Gathering Worship
12:10pm Pizza with the Pastor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 2th Wednesday Supper

Chicken piccata, mashed potatoes, chef salad, bread sticks, chocolate cake.

Please call the church office or go online to make reservations 251-928-1148.

New Study From our Prayer Ministry:

The Intercessory Life is a 7-week study that challenges participants to expand their devotional lives through intercessory prayer and action. Meeting on Wednesdays, April 9th-May 21st, from 10-11:30 am. Facilitated by John and Mary Hodgkins. Cost \$20. Registration available through the Linktree QR Code.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

April 13 | All Services

Maundy Thursday

April 17 | 6:30pm | Sanctuary

Good Friday Crosswalk

April 18 | 6:30 PM | Fairhope Pier

Easter Sunday

Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

The Gathering Worship (CLC)

11:00 AM

EASTER DELIVERIES TO MEMBERS' HOMES

Looking for a meaningful short-term volunteer opportunity? Join us on Sunday, April 6, in Wesley Hall to pack beautiful Easter gifts that will be delivered to our members' homes. We need your help beyond just packing! We're also looking for drivers to deliver these gifts during the two-week period from April 7 to 18. While we try to assign drivers to their own neighborhoods, flexibility is key. Our goal is simple but powerful: to remind our members that they are cherished and not forgotten, while also spreading a little kindness. These gifts are a Random Act of Kindness that could spark joy and inspire members to pay it forward. Come be a part of something special this Easter season!

Questions- contact Ann Pearson 251-928-1148, ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEDICAL PERSONNEL | FIRST RESPONDERS | MILITARY PERSONNEL

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

John Ryan Jones

SYMPATHY:

Ellen Walker in the death of her brother, John Jackson.

Monthly Finance Report: After all giving and expenses were reconciled for February, we improved on our January shortfall and reduced our year-to-date deficit by half. For the year, our giving is now \$16,000 behind what we need to make our budget by the year's end.

If you would like more information about church membership, contact one of our pastors or attend our next **Coffee with the Pastors on April 13 @ 9:45AM in the Conference Room, adjacent to the sanctuary.** Enter through the door under the bell tower or by the steps behind the sanctuary facing the parking lot. Look for directional signs on Sunday morning.

Scan this LINKTREE QR code to access all of Fairhope UMC's resources in one place! From sign-ups, worship times to serving and online giving, this code will take you directly to everything you need to stay connected with our church. Whether you're looking to RSVP for Wednesday Night Suppers, get involved in church activities, or learn more about where YOU can serve, it's all just a scan away.



FAIRHOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Precht, Senior Pastor

Rev. Laura Parker, Associate Pastor

Rev. Sheila Bates, Southwest District Superintendent

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, Alabama-West Florida Conference

155 SOUTH SECTION STREET ~ FAIRHOPE, AL 36532 ~ 251-928-1148 ~ FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG

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



THE GATHERING

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT*

MARCH 30, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Laura Parker

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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

Communion Servers: Nadine & Barry Baskin, Rebecca Bell, Emily & Doug Garner, Jennifer Jones, Deb & Tom Slone

Acolytes: Peyton Boward, Olivia Boward

Usher: Charles Searce

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The season of Lent is a period of 40 days, inspired by Jesus' 40 days of temptation in the wilderness. In this season of prayer, fasting, and charity, we turn our attention to Jesus' sacrifice for us.*

OPENING SONG *At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ INSCRIPTION: "INRI" JOHN 19:19-22

Hosanna! We lift our voices to the King of kings.

What his tormenters meant for shame is now revealed as glorious truth.

Even on the cross, He was declared King.

Let us worship our risen Lord.

LENTEN RESPONSE *Lead Me to the Cross*

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Trust in You

Lord, I Need You

Come as You Are

Children 4 years old up to 6th grade can meet at the gym door for Children's Church. They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the Pier Room upstairs in the Education Building.

SCRIPTURE Romans 3:21-26

SERMON Jesus Died To Bring Justice REV. LAURA PARKER

CONFESSION & PARDON

Merciful God, forgive our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

God embraces all who return in true repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

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

MONDAY, MARCH 31

10:00am Knit and Crochet
3:00pm Grief Support Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

9:30am Caregivers Support
6:00pm Handbell Practice

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

1:30pm Weekly Bible Study
4:15-5:00pm Kids Choir (K-6th)
5-6:00pm Wednesday Supper
6-7:30pm Pier & SWIFT Kids
6-7:45pm SALT Student Ministry
6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study
6:00pm Adult Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

11am-1:00pm Community Café

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

8:00am Stephen Ministry Trng
8:30am Traditional Worship
9:30am Confirmation Class
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Traditional Worship
11:00am The Gathering Worship
12:10pm Pizza with the Pastor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 2nd Wednesday Supper

Chicken piccata, mashed potatoes, chef salad, bread sticks, chocolate cake.

Please call the church office or go online to make reservations 251-928-1148.

New Study From our Prayer Ministry:

The Intercessory Life is a 7-week study that challenges participants to expand their devotional lives through intercessory prayer and action. Meeting on Wednesdays, April 9th-May 21st, from 10-11:30 am. Facilitated by John and Mary Hodgkins. Cost \$20. Registration available through the Linktree QR Code.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

April 13 | All Services

Maunday Thursday

April 17 | 6:30pm | Sanctuary

Good Friday Crosswalk

April 18 | 6:30 PM | Fairhope Pier

Easter Sunday

Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

The Gathering Worship (CLC)

11:00 AM

EASTER DELIVERIES TO MEMBERS' HOMES

Looking for a meaningful short-term volunteer opportunity? Join us on Sunday, April 6, in Wesley Hall to pack beautiful Easter gifts that will be delivered to our members' homes. We need your help beyond just packing! We're also looking for drivers to deliver these gifts during the two-week period from April 7 to 18. While we try to assign drivers to their own neighborhoods, flexibility is key. Our goal is simple but powerful: to remind our members that they are cherished and not forgotten, while also spreading a little kindness. These gifts are a Random Act of Kindness that could spark joy and inspire members to pay it forward. Come be a part of something special this Easter season!

Questions- contact Ann Pearson 251-928-1148, ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEDICAL PERSONNEL | FIRST RESPONDERS | MILITARY PERSONNEL

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

John Ryan Jones

SYMPATHY:

Ellen Walker in the death of her brother, John Jackson

Monthly Finance Report: After all giving and expenses were reconciled for February, we improved on our January shortfall and reduced our year-to-date deficit by half. For the year, our giving is now \$16,000 behind what we need to make our budget by the year's end.

If you would like more information about church membership, contact one of our pastors or attend our next **Coffee with the Pastors on April 13 @ 9:45AM in the Conference Room, adjacent to the sanctuary.** Enter through the door under the bell tower or by the steps behind the sanctuary facing the parking lot. Look for directional signs on Sunday morning.



Scan this LINKTREE QR code to access all of Fairhope UMC's resources in one place! From sign-ups, worship times to serving and online giving, this code will take you directly to everything you need to stay connected with our church. Whether you're looking to RSVP for Wednesday Night Suppers, get involved in church activities, or learn more about where YOU can serve, it's all just a scan away.



FAIRHOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Precht, Senior Pastor

Rev. Laura Parker, Associate Pastor

Rev. Sheila Bates, Southwest District Superintendent

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, Alabama-West Florida Conference

155 SOUTH SECTION STREET ~ FAIRHOPE, AL 36532 ~ 251-928-1148 ~ FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG

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