



# THE GATHERING

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT \*

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

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Preaching:** Rev. Michael Precht

**Liturgists:** Jennifer Jones

**Communion Servers:**

**Music:** Shea White and Praise Band

**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 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 *That's My King*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

1 PETER 2:9-10

SINGING OUR PRAISE

*I Thank God*

*Firm Foundation*

*Build My Life*

*Lead Me to the Cross*

*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 K4 and younger in the Education Building.*

SCRIPTURE *2 Kings 22:1-10*

SERMON *A Place to Repair*

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

A new pulpit Bible has been placed on The Gathering altar in honor of the Rev. Laura Parker, a gift lovingly given by friends of Fairhope United Methodist Church.

## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Sunday Schools  
11:00am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Gathering Worship  
1:00pm-5:00pm Church Wide  
Work Day

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

9:15am Walk & Talk with Jesus  
10:00am Knit & Crochet for a  
Purpose  
3:00pm Grief Support Group  
6:00pm Stephen Minister  
Supervision

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 Dr. Kristen's Drop-In  
Lenten Study  
6:00pm Chancel Choir Practice  
6:00pm SALT Student Ministry  
6:00pm Pier Kids & Swift Ministry

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

11:00am-1pm Community Café

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Sunday Schools  
9:45am Coffee with the Pastors  
11:00am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Gathering Worship  
4:00pm Baby Shower for Dr.  
Kristen Curtis Wright & Family  
Daylight Savings Time Begins!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENU ~ MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>

**CHICKEN TETRAZZINI, HASHBROWN CASSEROLE,  
SEASONED GREEN BEANS, ROLL, KEY LIME PIE**

**Kids: Chicken Alfredo, Fruit, Cookies**

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

### EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

**8:00am, 9:30am, & 11:00am Traditional  
11:00 Gathering**

### Lenten Drop-In Study | Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm

Join Pastor Kristen for a five-week Lenten Bible study as we journey through *Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross*. During Lent, this study will take the place of Rev. Michael's weekly class. We will gather in the CLC Fellowship Hall— join us as we reflect, learn, and grow together. All are welcome!

### Caring Ministries Dream Time:

You're invited to help shape the future of Caring Ministries for 2027. Join us to share ideas, reflect on current ministries, and dream about what's next. Meet in B-114 on **Wednesday, March 11 at 2:45 PM** or **Monday, March 16 at 1:00 PM**.

For more information, contact Dr. Ann Pearson at [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org) or 251-928-1148.

### Baby Shower Honoring Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright | March 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm CLC Fellowship Hall

We're delighted to share that our Associate Pastor, Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright, and her family are expecting a new baby! Light refreshments will be served. You're welcome to bring a gift, gift card, or note of encouragement—or simply your joyful presence. All are invited! Scan the bulletin QR code for the registry and call the church office to RSVP.

### Easter Family Celebration | March 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00pm

Join for an evening off egg-citement, games, and hidden surprises. Dinner served at 5pm, activities and egg-hunt start at 6:00pm. All are welcome!

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DENOMINATIONAL LEADERS | THOSE WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY HUNGRY |

THOSE WHO ARE ESTRANGED FROM THEIR FAMILIES

## HOSPITALIZED

Lisa Adams, Kin Reynolds

## SYMPATHY

Jane and Don Dolan in the loss of his father, Albert Pasquarelli.

**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 March 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!**



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

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