



THE GATHERING

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5TH, 2026 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching: Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

Liturgists: Miles Barnhardt

Communion Servers: Miles and Sidney Barnhardt; Rick and Shelly Fitzhugh; Amy, Ryan, Peyton, and Olivia Boward

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

OPENING SONG *Glorious Day*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Graves into Gardens

What a Beautiful Name

In Christ Alone

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 *John 20:1-18*

SERMON *Because He Lives*

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

CLOSING SONG *I Will Rise*

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00am Traditional Worship

9:30am Traditional Worship

11:00am Traditional Worship

11:00am Gathering Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Church office closed

3:00pm Grief Support Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

7:00am Youth Breakfast Club

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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. Michael's Deep Dive Drop In

6:00pm Rev. Cathi's Ways to Pray Class

6:00pm Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

9:30am Reservation Nursery

11:00am Community Café

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

8:00am Traditional Worship

9:45am Sunday Schools

9:45am Coffee with the Pastors

11:00am Traditional Worship

11:00am Gathering Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENU ~ APRIL 8th

PORK TENDERLOIN, ITALIAN GREEN BEANS, POTATO CASSEROLE, CHOCOLATE CHIP MOUSSE

KIDS: CHEESE PIZZA, BREADSTICK, FRUIT, COOKIE

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

Vacation Bible School Registration

Get ready for a fun and faith-filled week of VBS, June 1-5!

Registration is open now – use the QR code on the back

page or visit the website. To learn more, email

martha.monckton@fairhopeumc.org or

jillmcjohnston@gmail.com.

Ways to Pray | Wednesdays, Starting April 8, 6-7:15pm

Just as we vary the ways we talk with and listen to our spouse, children, parents or friends, there are many ways

to converse with God! Join Rev. Cathi Parish as she

walks us through a variety of ways to pray. There is no

book to purchase but registration is required and class

size is limited.

April 19 | 11:00am Combined Service The Gathering

Join us as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday and the

faith journeys of our students. During this special

combined service, our confirmands will publicly affirm

their faith and take this meaningful next step in their

walk with Christ

Children's Ministries Takeover | April 26

Join us for a special service in the Gathering led by our

Children's Ministry! Our kids will take the spotlight as

they present a joyful and faith-filled musical, "Chicken

of Little Faith." You won't want to miss this

heartwarming (and fun!) reminder of trusting God in all

things.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Parents | Vacation Bible School | Civic Servants

Hospitalized

Roger Tyer, John Ryan Jones

Monthly Finance Report: As of the end of February, giving is 10% below the same period in 2025. This would be a good time to catch up with your giving, if possible. Our expenses are greater than last year, but that is due to the budgeted maintenance on the buildings. We came into 2026 with strong reserves, due mostly to the \$306k that we received from the IRS in December. We anticipate taking good reserves into 2027.

If you would like more information about church membership, contact one of our pastors or attend **Coffee with the Pastors on April 12th @ 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