



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

✠ please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Allegro

WALTHER

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 92

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green. To declare that the Lord is upright;

He is our rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him!

✠ HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY

This Is My Father's World

ARR. HELGENBERG

✠ DOXOLOGY

(11:00) LIGHTHOUSE

This Is the Day

BERG

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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HYMN

*Guide Me O Thou Great
Jehovah*

UMH 127

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, open our eyes to see your truth and our hearts to receive your wisdom. By your Spirit, strengthen us through the reading of your Word, that we may live with courage and faith. Amen.

✠ SCRIPTURE *Deuteronomy 34:1-10*
SERMON *Grow Until You're Planted*

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✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE
GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP
HYMN *Lift High the Cross* UMH 159
✠ BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE *Rondeau* CHAM BONNIERES

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30
Mary & Walter Corbitt
Cathi & Kevin Parish

11:00
Chuck Cornwall,
Cheri & Jerry Forte

STEPHEN MINISTERS:

(8:30) Wanda Winfree
(11:00) Shirley Ryals

PREACHER:

(8:30) Rev. Michael Precht
(11:00) Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

LITURGIST

Gene Lammers

GREETER:

(11:00) Meri Catherine Brasfield

USHER:

Head Usher, Mark Woodrow
(11:00) Chuck Cornwall

MUSIC

Chancel Choir
Director, Tom Hood
Accompanist, John Richardson
Violinist, Laura Morris

MEDIA:

Colin Richardson
Toby Monckton

The flowers are given by Cheri & Jerry Forte to the Glory of God, in memory of Cheri's mother, Rose Vredevelt to mark the anniversary of Rose's Birthday.

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THE GATHERING

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 | 11AM

OPENING SONG

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

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Liturgist: Sidney Carol Barnhardt

Communion Servers: Sidney Carol Barnhardt,
Amanda & Trey Canida, Jennifer Jones

Music: Shea White and Praise Band, Youth Praise Band

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

Stephen Minister: Dr. Ann Pearson

Greeters: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Scarce, Phil Webb



Use this QR Code if you prefer to complete this pledge online, or visit fairhopeumc.org



COMMITMENT CARD

With this pledge, I/we make the following commitments to Fairhope UMC for 2026:

Name(s)

Address

Email(s)

GIFTS

In 2026, I/We Commit To Give

\$_____ per () week () month () other_____

If two people are making commitments below, initial the boxes to identify who is making each commitment.

PRAYERS

Please add me to the Five-Day Devotion mailing list.

I will send a card to each church or pastor we pray for in 2026.

PRESENCE

I am a member of a small group/supper club/etc.

I would like help finding a small group, etc.

I will teach or serve behind the scenes in Children's Sunday School 4x a year.

SERVICE

I am currently serving my fellow church members by_____.

I am looking for a place to serve, please contact me.

I'll be a test pilot by serving on a Zechariah Team for one Sunday in Lent.

WITNESS

Please pray for_____. I am praying they will know and love Jesus.

I already serve beyond our walls by_____.

I'd like to learn about, pray for, or lead the way in homelessness ministry for Baldwin County.

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