



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 26, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

✠ please stand as you are able

✠ PRELUDE

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the Lord; **he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,

and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

✠ HYMN

O Worship the King

UMH 73

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED

UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY

I Love To Tell The Story

(ARR. NISHIMURA)

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11AM)

Children 4 years old and up can meet at the side doors for Children's Church. They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the Pier Room upstairs in the Education Building.

HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

UMH 534

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can; we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. **Amen.**

✠ SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:14-21

SERMON

What Can We Trust About Hell?

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Your ways, O God, are not our ways; your thoughts are not our thoughts. If we have prayed only for what is possible and hoped only for what we can see; if we have taken your grace for granted and expected instant answers to our prayers; if we have allowed waiting on your Spirit to slip into laziness; if we have thought only of you waiting on us and not pondered our service to you, in your mercy forgive us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God.

Thanks be to God.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

✠ HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Communion Servers:

8:30

Mary Finger
Ann Pearson
Steve Pearson
Betty Stejskal
Carol Willis

11:00

Adelaide Robertson
Harbour Robertson
Katie Robertson
Carol Willis

Preacher:

Rev. Michael Precht

Liturgist:

Steve Pearson

Acolytes:

8:30

Savannah Bell

11:00

Adelaide Robertson
Harbour Robertson

Usher:

Mark Woodrow

Chancel Choir Director:

Tom Hood

Organ and Piano

John Richardson

Flute:

Natalie Woodrow

Media:

Colin Richardson,
Hackett Robertson

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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, JANUARY 27

10:00am Knit and Crochet
3:00pm Grief Support Group
6:30pm Survivors of Suicide
Support Group

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

6:00pm Handbell Practice

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

11am-1:00pm Community Café

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday Supper Menu ~ January 29

Chili with Mexican or Southern Cornbread

Mississippi Mud Chocolate Cake

Go online or call the church office to make your reservation 251-928-1148.

Confirmation Dates...

January 26

Confirmation classes begin and will take place during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:45am)

March 14 -16

Confirmation Retreat at Blue Lake Camp

May 4

Confirmation Sunday

Scholarship Information

It's time for scholarship applications from seniors and college students who are members of FUMC. Applications are due Monday, January 27. If any individuals or Sunday School classes are interested in sponsoring a scholarship, please contact Betty Stejskal, 251-278-8426. This is a great way to support our youth who are pursuing a college education.

Church History Event

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With the help of a guest facilitator, a giant roll of brown paper, and your stories, we will retrace the highs and lows of our church's ministry through the years.

February 12 | 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

Featured Ministry – Fairhope UMC Endowment

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Prayers Of The People

Medical Personnel | First Responders | Military Personnel

Hospitalized: None This Week

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THE GATHERING

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*

JANUARY 26, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Laura Parker

Acolytes: Peyton and Olivia Boward

Communion Servers: Miles and Sidney Carol Barnhardt, Don and Jane Dolan, Rick and Shelly Fitzhugh, Katie and Lee Turner

Usher: Charles Searce

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

**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

Who You Say I Am?

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 40:1-3

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Build My Life

Lead Me To The Cross

No Longer Slaves

SCRIPTURE

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REV. LAURA PARKER

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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.

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