



December/January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
21 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship 4 Longest Night Service	22 1:30 Craft Circle	23	24 6 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	29 1:30 Craft Circle	30	31 Office Closed	1 Office Closed	2	3 9 CMF
4 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	5 Pastoral 1:30 Craft Circle	6 Retreat	7	8 2 Adult Bible Study	9	10
11 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	12 1:30 Craft Circle	13	14	15 11 Lunch Bunch 2 Adult Bible Study	16	17 9 CWF
18 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	19 1:30 Craft Circle	20	21 1 February Planning Meeting	22 2 Adult Bible Study	23	24

FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

<i>John & Frances Alford</i>	<i>Leslie Chandler</i>	<i>Helen Hartley</i>	<i>Cary & Margaret Parish</i>
<i>Dawn Bell</i>	<i>Gerald Chapman</i>	<i>Morris Helms</i>	<i>John Ray</i>
<i>June Berry</i>	<i>Jessica Fleming</i>	<i>Buddy Light</i>	<i>Leonard Robinson</i>
<i>Jesse Bond</i>	<i>Don Hamilton</i>	<i>Stephanie McLaughlin</i>	<i>Ann Sadler</i>
<i>Bill & Debbie Carpenter</i>	<i>Calvin Hanson</i>	<i>Rev. Bob Moffitt</i>	<i>April & Billy Shiver</i>
	<i>Peggy & John Harbin</i>	<i>Betty Morris</i>	

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Elders.....	Gene Boothe
Deacons	Pam Chambers & Dale Tally
Lay Leader	Don Jennings
Reader	Linda McCullough
Music Minister	Jonathan Light
Pastor	Betty Massey

FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)



DECEMBER 21, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

"The product of the Church is a relationship with Christ, not religion."
We welcome you into this sanctuary & pray that in your time here you feel the presence of God. This service is being live-streamed to our website.

GATHERING

WELCOME LAY LEADER

Greeting: Peace be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE MUSIC MINISTER

The Bringing Forth of the Light † ACOLYTE

OPENING HYMN † O COME, O YE FAITHFUL #148, v1, 4

INVITATION TO WORSHIP † LAY LEADER

ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP † ALL

Leader: Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free!

People: Long ago the people were given a sign of God's presence.

Leader: Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

People: God's promise to us remains sure and true.

Leader: "God's Anointed One will soon walk among us, to lighten our darkness, to restore the joy of our salvation, to save us from our sins."

People: Four lights now shine in spite of our despair. Jesus is coming soon.

OPENING PRAYER † LAY LEADER

HYMN OF PRAISE † HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING #150, ALL

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION ALL

Lord, in the excitement of the holidays we often forget that these are indeed holy days. Forgive us. Burn in our hearts the real reason we celebrate Jesus' birth, that we may be so filled with thanksgiving and joy that your Spirit may work through us to make Jesus known to all whose lives we touch. Amen.

† = Please stand if you are able.

OFFERING

Offertory Sentences	PASTOR
Doxology † #46	ALL
The Offertory Prayer †	PASTOR
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE † #382	ALL

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be,
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

PRAYERS

HYMN OF PRAYER	AWAY IN A MANGER #147, v1
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER	PASTOR

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "HEAR OUR PRAYER!"

LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE WORD

HOLY SCRIPTURE	MATTHEW 1:18-25	READER
(pg. 1497, Holy Bible, NIV)		

MESSAGE OUR GOD IS NEAR AT HAND! PASTOR

LORD'S SUPPER

GLORIA PATRI † #36 ALL

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Invitation to the Table PASTOR

Hymn of Communion TAKE OUR BREAD #413, 2X

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Elders

Words of Institution Pastor

Sharing of the Emblems All

SENDING

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP † JOY TO THE WORLD #143, v1

BENEDICTION † PASTOR

THE GOING FORTH OF THE LIGHT † ACOLYTE

POSTLUDE MUSIC MINISTER