



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday after Epiphany
The Gathering: January 17, 2021

OPENING SONGS

I Will Follow

Praise

Team

Follow You

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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My spirit answers, Here I am, Lord. Speak to me anew.

God breathes on us the Holy Spirit, knitting many members into one body, the body of Christ.

Together we answer, Here we are Lord. Come, Holy Spirit.

God has yet more vision for the people. Who will work for God to extend God's kingdom into our hurting world?

Here we are Lord. Empower us for your work.

God calls the small, and helps them do great things.

God calls the weak, and reveals their hidden gifts.

God calls the rejected, and opens their eyes to their worth.

Here we are Lord, humble and waiting.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father,

creator of a universe full of wonder

and many still-hidden mysteries.

Help us in our modern, sometimes confusing

and fast changing world

to pause and reflect on your glory and unending grace

and in the stillness to listen, like Samuel,

for your voice speaking to us alone. Amen

THE APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

God of This City

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our ears, O God, that we might hear your Word speaking to us in this moment.
Open our ears, O God, that we might listen for your voice calling to us through scripture.
Open our ears, O God, that we might understand your promises to followers both old and young, ancient and modern.
Open our hearts, O God, that we might enter into the love you offer us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

SERMON

Time to Shine: We Will See

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Reckless Love

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan
Music: Shea White and Praise Band **Acolyte:** Hays Bishop
Media and Sound: Robert Hammon, Jamie Waldhour, Amelia Koser



Join us for a Day of Service!

We will be gleaning satsumas at B&B Pecan & at Mary Beth and Bob Gibson's house.
Wear something warm & comfortable and SERVE alongside us from 11-2pm!

Addresses for both locations are:

B&B Pecan
16151 S Greeno Road
Fairhope, AL

Mary Beth & Bob Gibson
209 Manor Blvd.
Fairhope, AL

Plans are to host another SERVE DAY in the Spring when we can plan more projects safely & warmly outside!



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PRELUDE

Trio

Krebs

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HYMN

Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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THE APOSTLE'S CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

The Mission/How Great Thou Art
(Morricone, Schmidt, Van Der Beek & Nelson)

Stephanie Calhoun, Cello

DOXOLOGY

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43-51

SERMON

8:30 ~ Time to Shine: We Will See
11:00 ~ Time to Shine: Humble and Waiting

Dr. Darren M. McClellan
Rev. Antonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Kittel

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson **Acolyte:** Sims Peters (8:30)

Media and Sound: Kaitlyn Hunter, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Peyton Phillips

FLOWER CALENDAR... The flower calendar for 2021 is in the hallway across from the main office. If you would like to sign up to place flowers on the altar in the sanctuary, please come by or give us a call (251-928-1148) to check available dates.

USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL SERVICES. Great way to serve your church and meet new people, contact jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org for more information.

Please note: *Church office will be closed on Monday, January 18*

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received January 10, 2021 - \$25,444
(Online - \$11,363 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$14,081)

For those of you who would like to bring your offering to the church, we have a mail slot located in the door across from the glass doors in the breezeway entrance of the education building. Thank you so much for your continued support to Fairhope United Methodist Church.

Jeff White, Business Administrator

In-Person Worship Reservations for Sunday, January 24, are open today at 4pm!

We are asking those wishing to join us to use the reservation system we have in place to ensure that we keep the attendance to a size that enables a 6 foot physical distance between families. For anyone not able to attend the worship service we will continue to share online through Facebook, YouTube & our website.

WORSHIP TIMES:

8:30am & 11:00am Traditional (Sanctuary)

11:00am *The Gathering* (CLC GYM)

Make your reservations at <https://www.fairhopeumc.org/worshipreservations/>

Prayers for the People

Medical personnel and first responders

Sympathies

Katie and Chris Perry in the death of his father, Billy James Perry.

Elaine and Russ Banks in the death of her mother and **Katie and Chris Perry** in the death of her grandmother, Virginia Power.

Steve and Susan Christensen and family in the death of his father, Neal Christensen.

June and Chuck Osborne in the death of her daughter, Jill Steisslinger.

Perry and Harriet Outlaw in the death of her sister, Beverly Phelps.

Rosemarie and Paul Perfect in the death of her sister, **Juanita Kendrick**.



During our recent celebration of Advent, we gathered in worship to light our candles on the wreath and to sing this common refrain:

I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus.

This simple declaration served to ground us in our response to the coming of Christ. Speaking for myself, I know that the more I sang these words each week, the more they became real and true! And to think that this is just the first verse of #206 in our United Methodist hymnal. The further we go into Kathleen Thomerson's hymn, the deeper the sense of longing:

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

Do you feel this way? Do these aspirations still hold true for you?

In our upcoming worship series, *It's Time to Shine*, we will search the Scriptures to reimagine our response to that much anticipated Light. We waited for Jesus; but what do we do now that He is here? As we work to engage this New Year with steadfast faith and unwavering hope, the aim of our messages will be to encourage us all in making the shift from "want to" to "WILL DO."

The call is for faith in action:

Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus...for when we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

So who's ready for joy? Let's make a run for it! *It's Time to Shine!*

Sunday, January 17th: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Zoom links provided for your convenience.

NOTE: In-Person Sunday School will not be offered for adults or children until January 24th due to rising COVID numbers.

Peace and Grace

Adults of varying ages and stages will find open, honest, thoughtful conversation in a place of radical hospitality.

Time: Jan 17, 2021 9:30 AM

John Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9092162907>

Koinonia

Adults of varying ages, facilitated by Tony Caminiti; in depth Bible study and other topical studies.

Time: Jan 17, 2021 9:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85278497978?pwd=bnRZWjV4d2ROakFhZ2JVU05RUWxkdz09>

Meeting ID: 852 7849 7978

Passcode: 730266

Friends in Faith

Retired adults, individuals and couples.

Scheduled teachers for upcoming weeks: Ed Colvin, Joe McGilberry and Carol Willis.

Time: 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86771534402?pwd=d2VJVXVpb3cwZzc0Ti9YRiNaK2IzUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 7153 4402

Passcode: 585355

Homecoming Class

Adults 50+, teaching rotation with primary emphasis on Bible study.

Current study: Paul's message to the Thessalonians about Christ's Second Coming.

The study guide is "Be Ready: Living in Light of Christ's Return" by Warren Wiersbe.

Contact Brenda Robinson for more information: bgodbold@hiwaay.net

Time: 9:45 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280028742?pwd=ZTE1MVBKMNFrZW1MZ2tseXIxUUUY2UT09>

Meeting ID: 882 8002 8742

Passcode: Aacw7m

Living Word

Ages span several decades and singles and couples faithfully participate.

In-depth Bible study facilitated by Doug Garner.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84090296627?pwd=ek9sMTU5aVFWamIXcGNNaGtidFQzQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 9029 6627

Passcode: 582216

**Other classes are meeting by Zoom, but only these provided links by deadline for publication in the bulletin.

New Study Coming January 24th:

Foundations B215

Parents of children and youth. Teaching rotation with varied topics. On January 24th, we will begin a new study and dive into the books of Galatians and James. We will be considering what Paul and James said about our salvation. Are we saved by grace through faith alone as Paul wrote to the Galatians or are we required to live a life of good works like James outlines? Are the two books contradictory or complimentary?



A note from Rev. Laura:

We will continue our devotionals every Monday morning at 9:30 in the new year until we are able to return to more normal gathering routines in the life of our church. This time together lasts about 15-20 minutes and provides an opportunity to see familiar faces and pray together as we begin our week!

We will RESUME "Zoom" tomorrow morning.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98533273696>

Caring Ministries...



The Lord Is My Shepherd...

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

Children's Ministries...

SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN ...

All children 3 years old-6th grade are invited to **Sunday School** from 9:45-10:40am (3 year old birthday must be before 9/1/20). Masks will be worn by teachers and students in our K-6th grade classes. Need to find a classroom? Go to www.fairhopeumc.org under children's ministries or see a greeter on Sunday mornings.

Note: Children's Sunday School will not meet today. We will resume next Sunday, Jan 24.

Children ages 3 months-PreK4 can stay in the **Nursery** during our 3 worship services and Sunday School.

Children's Church is not available at this time. Children are seated with their families for the whole service. Take-home **Worship Bags** are available for preschool-2nd grade. Activity bulletins are available for children 3rd-6th grade.

SWIFT (5th & 6th grades) will resume this Wednesday, Jan 20 in Wesley Hall, 6:30-7:45pm.

Pier34 (3rd & 4th grades) book study will begin next Sunday, Jan 24 in Wesley Hall from 4-5:15pm.

Student Ministries...

Student Ministry Update:

We will not have Youth Meetings this Sunday, January 17 due to the holiday weekend. Please come Sunday morning and serve with our church in the community! We will meet for Family Group this Wednesday, January 20, 6:30-7:45 pm!

JR & SR GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday's @ 7:30 pm//FUMC Campus

Our junior and senior girls are invited to join us for Tuesday night in-person Bible study each week on Women of the Bible. If you are interested, please [email rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org) for more details.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Wednesdays @ 6:30-7:45 pm//CLC

Check your GROUPME for additional information weekly.

ARE YOU NEW TO STUDENT MINISTRY?

All rising 7th grade (student & parent) and new church families with 7th-12th graders are encouraged to connect with us through social media, text messaging reminders, GROUPME for every grade and through our email reminders!

Want to get plugged in???

Follow SALTSTUDENTS:

Instagram: @fairhopeumc.youth

Facebook: @fhsaltstudents

Text Message Reminders: Text the word "Saltstudents" to the number "43506"

Send a quick note to michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org to be added to our email list or to Groupme for C-Group reminders!