



# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday After the Epiphany  
The Gathering: January 24, 2021

OPENING SONGS

*Your Grace Is Enough  
God of the Impossible*

Praise Team

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 62*

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fill us with your Holy Spirit,  
O God of all Creation.  
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with a world in need.

**Amen.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

*Changed*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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EPISTLE LESSON	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	
GOSPEL LESSON	Mark 1:14-20	
SERMON	"From Now On"	Dr. Darren M. McClellan
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
SENDING FORTH		
CLOSING SONG	<i>Follow You</i>	

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

### **Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:**

Offering Received January 17, 2021 – \$25,597  
 (Online - \$14,687 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$10,910)

*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, February 7, 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**

#### **Celebrations**

Nick and Traci Cagle on the birth of a son, David Oliver Cagle, born December 31. His proud big brothers are Lawson and Hamp.

**Tanner and Jana Boothe** on the birth of a son, Townes Michael Booth, born January 20. Proud grandmother is **Martha Boothe**.

#### **Sympathy**

**Bricken and Ashley McKenzie** in the death of her father, Dennis Ledbetter.



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PRELUDE

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HYMN

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*The Church's One Foundation*  
Anne Brooks, clarinet

(arr. by Pethel)

DOXOLOGY

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SERMON

"Time to Shine: What's the Plan?"

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

*We're Marching to Zion*

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

(Refrain)

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,  
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

(Refrain)

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

(Refrain)

RECEIVING NEW MEMBER (8:30am)

SENDING FORTH

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker, Rev. Ontonio Christie  
Music: Tom Hood, Jenna Hood Acolyte: Jackson Strunk  
Media and Sound: Kaitlyn Hunter, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Peyton Phillips  
*The flowers on the altar in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Sandra Bishop for her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday by her family.*

**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.** This is a great way to serve your church and meet new people, contact [jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org) for more information.



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!*

*Darren*

*Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES*  
*In person classes meet from 9:45-10:40am.*

**These classes are meeting in person this Sunday:**

**Foundations                      B215**

Parents of children and youth. This week, Foundations begins a new study, Faith and Works, that will dive into the books of Galatians and James, 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? Facilitated by Kristin Capstraw.

**Pathfinders                      B210**

Multi-generational class with in-depth Bible study. Facilitated by Linda Smith. Studying the book of Jonah.

**These classes are meeting by Zoom only at this time:**

**Peace and Grace**

Adults of varying ages and stages will find open, honest, thoughtful conversation in a place of radical hospitality. Time: Jan 24, 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 24, 2021 09:30 AM Lesson: "Unclean Spirits" Mark 1:21-28

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83435735523?pwd=b1NsVkwwSTAvMDc2WUJ6SlpoRFFxdz09>

Meeting ID: 834 3573 5523

Passcode: 781629

**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=d2VJVXVpb3cwZzc0Ti9YRjNaK2lzUT09>

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.

Contact Brenda Robinson for more information: [bgodbold@hiwaay.net](mailto:bgodbold@hiwaay.net) Time: 9:45 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280028742?pwd=ZTE1MVBKMnFrZW1MZ2tseXlxUUUY2UT09>

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. Lesson this week from Romans.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88171481169?pwd=WkE3QllFeVdxbfQ2akpXSktZFK1hWUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 7148 1169

Passcode: 575645

**\*\*Other classes are also meeting by Zoom, but only these provided links by deadline for publication.**



### A note from Rev. Laura:

We will NOT BE MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> due to a scheduling conflict.

We will be back on schedule for February 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am.

## Caring Ministries...



“Help us identify people who would benefit from having a caring and listening friend.”

Stephen Ministers are trained and equipped to walk alongside persons in these times of transition, struggle and challenge. Stephen Ministers are ready to care and be a sounding board for anyone in our church and community in a safe socially distanced manner. Please contact Dr. Ann Pearson or the church office (251-928-1148) to get more information about this valuable, essential ministry of outreach care.

## Children's Ministries...

### SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN ...

All children 3 years old-6<sup>th</sup> 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-6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Need to find a classroom? Go to [www.fairhopeumc.org](http://www.fairhopeumc.org) under children's ministries or see a greeter on Sunday mornings.

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.

### **Pier34 Book Study** (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades)

Today, Jan 24 / Wesley Hall / 4-5:15pm

### **SWIFT** (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades)

Wed, Jan 27 / Wesley Hall / 6:30-7:45pm



## Student Ministries...

### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

7-12th graders// 6:00-7:45 pm// January 24 (CLC)

We welcome all of our students back to our Sunday Night Youth program this weekend! We are excited to kick off our new series, "VIBES!" Starting this week off will be one of our former students, Collin Cortinas. We cannot wait for him to share his message with our students this Sunday night. Parents check your email for updates on Parent Cue ideas for conversation starters at home!

### JR & SR GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday's @ 7:30 pm (Returns Feb 2)// FUMC Campus

Our junior and senior girls are invited to join us for Tuesday night in-person Bible studying Women In the Bible. that will restart on Tuesday, February 2. If you are interested, please [email rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org) for more details.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

Wednesdays (Weekly Meetings) @ 6:30-7:30 pm//CLC

I am so thankful for the leadership of our Youth Ministry Action Team and small group leaders! They consistently step up to ensure our students have a role model in their faith journey week after week in C-Groups. This past week they have helped our group tremendously while my family has been in quarantine for COVID. I cannot say enough about the adults behind the small groups for Student Ministry at Fairhope UMC. We are blessed beyond measure by their love, commitment and consistency for the journey. For additional information regarding this program, check your student ministry GROUPME account. The next 2 weeks we will remain with our outdoor group meetings around the fire pits! Bring a lawn chair and join the crew!

### 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](mailto:michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org) to be added to our email list or to Groupme for C-Group reminders!



## Missions Update...

Together we collected Satsumas and other fruit that was distributed at Prodissee Pantry and delivered to our homebound!

We plan to have another SERVE Day in the Spring!

