



# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany  
The Gathering: January 31, 2021

OPENING SONGS

*Blessed Be Your Name*  
*How Great Is Our God*

Shea White, Praise Team

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us praise the Lord!

**We praise God with our whole heart!**

God's works are great!

**Open our hearts and spirits to see your works, O Lord!**

Come, let us worship the Lord who has saved us!

**May our lives reflect the wondrous love of God that all may see and know of God's greatness. AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

*Embracing Accusation*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, your people call out for understanding.  
Bring to our yearning hearts and minds  
the truth of your Word; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 111

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

SERMON

"The Gift of Authority"

Rev. Antonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

*God of Wonders*

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Ontonio Christie, Kristin Capstraw

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Acolyte: Sims Peters

Media and Sound: Robert Hammon, Jamie Waldhour, Amelia Koser

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

Offering Received January 24, 2021 - \$76,189

(Online - \$5,753 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$70,436)

*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 (Sanctuary Only)  
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)**

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

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

**Reservations No Longer Required for this Service**

**Prayers for the People**

**Medical personnel and first responders**



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PRELUDE

*All Glory Be to God on High*

Pachelbel

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HYMN

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

*Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise!  
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!*

*Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend!  
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend!*

*Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!*

*To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence, evermore.  
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING                                      How Great Thou Art/The Mission                                      Morricone/Schmidt  
Stephanie Calhoun, cello

DOXOLOGY

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SERMON                                      "Who Needs Normal?"                                      Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN                                      *Close to Thee*

Thou my everlasting portion, more than friend or life to me,  
all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.

Refrain:

Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee,  
all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.

Not for ease or worldly pleasure, nor for fame my prayer shall be;  
gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee. [refrain]

Lead me through the vale of shadows, bear me o'er life's fitful sea;  
then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with thee. [refrain]

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE                                      *Fugue*                                      Pachelbel

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Rev. Laura Parker  
Music: Tom Hood, Jenna Hood, John Richardson  
Acolytes: (8:30) Elliot Determann (11:00) Max McClellan  
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.** 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 31st: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**  
*In person classes meet from 9:45-10:40am.*

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

**Basics B217**

Young couples parenting young children or newly married. This week, Basics begins a 6-week study titled The Armor of God, by Priscilla Shirer, facilitated by John and Meredith Roach.

**Foundations B215**

Parents of children and youth. Foundations continues the study, Faith and Works, diving 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.

**Homecoming Class Wesley Hall**

Adults 50+, teaching rotation with primary emphasis on Bible study. In-Person resumes this week with option to connect by Zoom. Contact Brenda Robinson for more information:

[bgodbold@hiwaay.net](mailto:bgodbold@hiwaay.net) Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:45 AM

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

**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. Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9092162907>

**Koinonia**

Adults of varying ages, facilitated by Tony Caminiti; in depth Bible study and other topical studies. Lesson: "The Beatitudes of Jesus" Matthew 5:1-12

Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87496216015?pwd=NUNtL2qzbW5yanhTMUFvL0J2ZDdKUT09>

**Friends in Faith**

Retired adults, individuals and couples. Scheduled teachers for upcoming weeks: Ed Colvin, Joe McGilberry and Carol Willis. Join Zoom Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86771534402?pwd=d2VJVXVpb3cwZzc0Ti9YRjNaK2IzUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 7153 4402

Passcode: 585355

**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=WkE3QlIFeVdxbFQ2akpXSkZFK1hWUT09>

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:**

Please join me for devotionals every Monday morning at 9:30 until we return to more normal gathering routines in the life of our church. This time together will only last about 15-20 minutes and will provide an opportunity to see familiar faces and pray together as we begin our week!

*After a couple of weeks off, we resume at 9:30am  
THIS Monday, February 1st! Join us by Zoom at this link:*  
<https://zoom.us/j/98533273696>

**Caring Ministries...**

**Spreading God's love is what we are called to do...**

A team created beautiful flower arrangements to brighten the day for staff at Thomas Hospital. Flowers were donated from a service held at our church. Thank you to the donors and volunteers who made the beautiful bouquets.



**Connecting to one Another....**

There is an opportunity to be a telephone caller and connect with our membership. Calls would be made each month to check in on our church family. This allows you to serve from home and be a vital part of helping us keep in touch. For more info, contact Dr. Ann Pearson by calling 251-928-1148.

**Need Support with Zoom meetings.....**

Contact the church office, 251-928-1148 and we will be glad to help you navigate the challenges you may be having with Zoom meetings and logging on to FUMC website for worship services.

**Caregiver's Support Group** will be meeting by Zoom on Tuesday, February 2, 9:30am. Contact Dr. Ann Pearson for your invite.





*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care and walk with you as you face challenges in life. If you have questions, please call the church office to speak with Dr. Ann Pearson, Stephen Leader. The number is 251-928-1148.

## **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.

### **FACEBOOK GROUP ...**

If you haven't done so yet, please join our Fairhope UMC Children's Ministries Facebook group!

### **SWIFT ...**

Our ministry for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 in Wesley Hall (Ed Bldg). This afternoon, SWIFT is doing a service project - picking satsumas at B&B Pecans to give to Prodissee Pantry for distribution. To participate, arrive at B&B Pecans at 3:30 (16151 S Greeno Road). Pick up is at 4:45.

### **PIER34 ...**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders are currently doing a 5-week book study on how to make good choices. We meet Sundays from 4-5:15 in Wesley Hall (Ed Bldg). It's not too late to join!

### **PIER ...**

Our K - 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are currently not meeting outside of Sunday School. If you have children in this group be on the lookout for a separate email regarding your preference for day/time for Pier to begin meeting again!



## Student Ministries...

### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

7-12th graders// 6:00-7:45 pm// January 31 & Feb 7 (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!" 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!

# HOW ARE WE SERVING ?

God continues to call our church family to be his hands and feet in our community!

At the start of this month, our Community Cafe' team resumed our Friday meal

offering. This ministry continues to impact the lives of so many. Each week are serving around 160 meals, with majority of these meals being delivered. Our deliveries range from Daphne, Silverhill and all over Fairhope.

Some of our Friday friends are connected to the church, while many of them have come to us through various community connections!

In 2020, our team and the AMAZING support of this church family served over 10,500 meals. Our prayer is that God continues to use this offering of food to impact the lives in our community and beyond!

A very special "thank you" to our Friday volunteer team who serve each week preparing and delivering the meals!



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO SERVE  
EMAIL [MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG](mailto:MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG) OR CONTACT JENNIFER MYRICK  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE!**

COVID VACCINE CLINIC - THIS WEEK WE PROVIDED LUNCH TO THOSE WORKING AT THE VACCINE CLINIC IN DAPHNE. WE PLAN TO PROVIDE LUNCH AGAIN IN THE COMING WEEKS.