



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Transfiguration Sunday
The Gathering: February 14, 2021

OPENING SONGS

*How Can I Keep From Singing
Mighty To Save*

Shea White, Praise Team

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks:

This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy and mighty God,
gather us among your faithful ones,
the people of your covenant,
to stand in the light of your glory
and listen for the word of the Lord,
Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

Above All

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, O Lord our God,
and let the fire of your Spirit
burn brightly in our hearts.
Open our minds to receive
the wisdom of the law,
the hope of the prophets,
and the life of the gospel:
Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 150

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

SERMON

"Time to Shine: The Memories We Hold"

Rev. Antonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Who You Say I Am

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Antonio Christie

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 February 7, 2021 - \$43,800

(Online - \$14,398 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$29,402)

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

Next Sunday, February 21: Bishop David Graves of the Alabama-West Florida Conference will be our guest preacher. Service times will be modified to 8:30 in the sanctuary and one combined service @ 11:00 in the CLC. There is no registration necessary for the 11:00 service.

In-Person Worship Reservations (Sanctuary Only) for Sunday, February 21, 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 Traditional (Sanctuary)

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

11:00am Combined Worship (CLC GYM)

Reservations No Longer Required for this Service



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PRELUDE

Down By the Riverside

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HYMN

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

(arr. by Goeller)

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Refrain:

When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of his resurrection share;
When his chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. [Refrain]

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun;
Let us talk of all his wondrous love and care.
Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. [Refrain]

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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and let the fire of your Spirit
burn brightly in our hearts.
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EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:2-9

SERMON "A Night at the Mountain of Improv" Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *When We All Get to Heaven* (arr. by Goeller)

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain: When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway clouds will overspread the sky;
But when trav'ling days are over Not a shadow, not a sigh. [Refrain]

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving ev'ry day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay. [Refrain]

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Peace Like a River / When the Saints*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of our Healthcare Workers by Mary and Van Finger.

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Dr. Ann Pearson

Acolyte: (11:00) Hackett Robertson

Music: John Richardson, Tom Hood

Dixieland Band

John Richardson, piano

Dr. Darren McClellan, drums

Anne Brooks, clarinet

Mark Hoffman, trombone

Dr. Mike Brown, trumpet

Media and Sound: Kaitlyn Hunter, Ann Lyles Tapscott, James Brown

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Prayers for the People

Medical personnel and first responders

Celebrations...

Suzan and Steve Christensen are the grandparents of new grandson, Sullivan Christensen Francisco, born February 8, in Montgomery, Alabama. His proud parents are Stefanie and Jim Francisco and big sister is Evangeline.



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!

Join us by Zoom at this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98533273696>



You are invited to a Virtual Ash Wednesday Service...

Ash Wednesday falls on February 17th this year and is the official beginning of the season of Lent, the forty days leading up to Easter. Our tradition at Fairhope UMC is to offer special services on this day as a time of penitence and reflection. In addition, those leading the service impose ashes in the shape of a cross on the foreheads of those gathered as a mark of mortality and penitence.

This year, for the safety of our congregation and community, rather than hold in-person services, we are offering a **virtual service that will be accessible to our congregation on Ash Wednesday**. A link will be emailed, posted to social media and available on our church website.

If you regularly receive our mailings from the church, you will be receiving a letter with a small amount of palm ash so that you can participate in the service by imposing the mark of a cross on each other or upon your own forehead.

If you are a visitor to our congregation and not yet on our mailing list, you can pick up some ashes from the church office Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of this week between the hours of 9-1.

The traditional invitation to an Ash Wednesday observance is a call to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. We hope you will join us as we make this Lenten journey together!



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, February 14th: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

In person classes meet from 9:45-10:40 am.

These classes are meeting in person this Sunday:

Basics B217

Young couples parenting young children or newly married. Current study is The Armor of God, by Priscilla Shirer, facilitated by John and Meredith Roach.

Foundations B215 (Not meeting Sunday, February 14th)

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 continues this week with option to connect by Zoom. Current study is 2 Thessalonians.

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

Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:45 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280028742?pwd=ZTE1MVBKMnFrZW1MZ2tseXIxUUY2UT09>

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: Who's Your Valentine 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86984304563?pwd=aU80OGNYS21CdHF5SmRtRUZWS2lIQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 8430 4563 Passcode: 882994

Friends in Faith

Retired adults, individuals and couples.

Join Zoom Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86771534402?pwd=d2VJVXVpb3cwZzc0Ti9YRjNaK2lzUT09>

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.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88171481169?pwd=WkE3QlIFeVdxbFQ2akpXSkZFK1hWUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 7148 1169 Passcode: 575645



Five Means of Grace: Experience God's Love the Wesleyan Way

by Elaine Heath

This six-week study is designed to help disciples discover the power of the five means of grace. John Wesley called these means of grace "instituted," meaning the spiritual practices Jesus himself participated in and encouraged his followers to do. For Wesley, these spiritual practices are seamlessly integrated with the practice of loving our neighbors well. A life of genuine prayer inevitably leads to a life of hospitality, mercy, and justice. Participants in this study will consider how the five means of grace are the ordinary channels that God uses to draw us into a fruitful relationship.

Weekly studies will focus on: Prayer, Searching the Scriptures, the Lord's Supper, Fasting, and Christian Conferencing. Classes begin February 24th. **Cost of book: \$10**

Two Groups Offered:

Wednesday Evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm beginning February 24th: Facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker in the Fellowship Hall. *Registration required for this evening class.*

Monday Afternoons, 12:05-1:15 pm beginning February 22nd: Facilitated by Dr. Darren M. McClellan, outdoor courtyard (Morphy side of building.) This will be the "Grace and Grub Group." Bring your own brown bag lunch. *No registration required—come as you will!*

Music Culture and Theology Class

Join Rev. Antonio Christie for a six-week Music Culture and Theology Class, February 24th to March 24th, 6:30-7:30 PM, in room B215 in the Education Building. The six sessions of this study will highlight Lenten themes and explore them in connection with today's culture and music.

No books necessary, Bring your Bibles! *No registration required.*

Registration:

Access the church website through this link: <https://www.fairhopeumc.org/ministries/adultdiscipleship/>

Email: bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org | Call: 251-928-1148

Caring Ministries...

A prayer for each of you....

Heavenly Father, we continue in these days of finding our way. We are looking up with hope for the expectancy of clearer days ahead. We miss seeing and being with our church family and need to continue to reach out and encourage one another. Together we can take the next steps with Your guidance by connecting, loving, growing and serving each other. We lift this to You in Christ Holy Name, Amen

To submit a prayer request, email Mary Lucas marylucas501@gmail.com or Ann Pearson ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org or call the church office 251-928-1148. Lifting one another in prayer can sustain us for the days ahead.

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 location? Go to 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.

BLUE LAKE WINTER RETREAT

Great news ... Winter Retreat is back on for 3rd-6th graders on Saturday, March 6th from 9:30-6:00!! The one-day retreat will be packed with fun camp activities and end with a campfire and s'mores. The cost is \$45 (includes lunch and dinner). We will charter a bus as usual and depart at 7:15am and return around 8:30pm. Children's Ministries will provide the bus, breakfast on the way to camp and a snack on the way home.

Important Registration Information

We will submit ALL registrants from Fairhope UMC at one time by paper registration for this retreat! The registration form can be printed from our church website (www.fairhopeumc.org) under children's ministries or you can pick up a copy in the church office. **Please do not register online with Blue Lake Camp for this retreat. Your child's completed registration form (all 3 pages) and \$45 registration fee (checks made payable to Fairhope UMC) must be received in church office no later than Monday, February 22nd.** We will mail all forms with one check to Blue Lake on February 23rd. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Graham at 251/377-2325 or michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org.

Adults are needed to chaperone. Children's Ministries will pay your registration fee. Please let Michelle know if you're interested. There's a separate registration form for adults.

PIER34

Our 3rd & 4th grade book study will not meet today due to Mardi Gras break. We will resume on Sunday, Feb 21 at 4:00 in Wesley Hall.

SWIFT

Our ministry for 5th & 6th graders will not meet this week due to Mardi Gras break. We will resume on Wednesday, Feb 24 at 6:30 in Wesley Hall.

PIER

We'd like to get our Pier ministry for K-2nd graders meeting again. If you have children in this age group, please email michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org to let her know which day you prefer:

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:15 or Sundays, 4:00-5:15

Also, indicate if you can volunteer. In order for Pier to begin meeting again, volunteers are a must!

FACEBOOK GROUP

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

Student Ministries...

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH 7-12th graders// CLC (No Youth Feb 14) Next Meeting February 21

Don't miss Youth Bowling at Eastern Shore Lanes this Sunday, February 21 from 6-7:45 pm! We will meet at the bowling alley inside at the front desk. Bring \$13 to cover your shoes and bowling. If you want to buy a snack, bring concession money. We are excited to get together and can't wait to see you all! If you have any other questions, please contact Rachael or Michael.

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 study. We begin a new study in the book of Phillipians this week, "Get Out of Your Head" by Jennie Allen. 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//10-12 (Host Homes) & 7-9 (CLC)

Come join in a C-Group and connect with kids your own age, learn more about your call as followers of Christ and support one another in prayer! Our 10-12 grade are now meeting in host homes and our 7-9 grade meet at the CLC. For more information, contact Rachael Waldhour.

CONFIRMATION 2021

Parent & Student Orientation Meeting// Sunday, February 21 Weekly Meeting Sunday's @ 12:30-2:00 pm

The Confirmation Class of 2021 will begin their journey on Sunday, February 21 at 12:30 pm with Pastor Darren in the CLC Fellowship Hall. You may register your student on the youth page of our church website. Confirmation is open to any student in 7–12th grade seeking to learn more about the faith formation.

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!

H O W A R E W E S E R V I N G ?

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 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.