



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First Sunday of Lent
The Gathering: February 21, 2021

OPENING SONGS

Glorious One
Give Us Clean Hands

Shea White, Praise Team

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 25:1-10

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of the covenant,
in the glory of the cross
your Son embraced the power of death
and broke its hold over your people.
In this time of repentance,
draw all people to yourself,
that we who confess Jesus as Lord
may put aside the deeds of death
and accept the life of your kingdom. Amen.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God,
we open our hearts as we hear your word today.
Let your grace be abundant for your people gathered here,
that we may follow your ways of truth,
and walk in the paths of steadfast love,
prepared to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

SERMON

“A Kairos Moment in a Chronos World”

Bishop David Graves

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Power

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie, Rev. Laura Parker

Acolyte: Aenea Ganey

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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

We welcome Bishop David Graves to our worship services today. Bishop Graves was elected to the episcopacy and came to the Alabama-West Florida Conference after 27 years serving as a pastor and district superintendent in the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church. He articulates a passion for sharing Jesus, seeing the overlooked, joining God in transforming lives, and changing the world one person at a time. Bishop Graves is a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, and graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, with a Master of Divinity. He has shared 38 years of marriage with his wife, Nancy, and they have two children, Casey and Gregg. Casey is married to her husband Bryan, and they reside in Kingsport with their son Brooks and daughter Lucy. Gregg is married to Tracy and is a proud stepfather to Hannah.

***In-Person Worship Reservations (Sanctuary Only)
for Sunday, February 28, 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 Worship* (CLC GYM)

Reservations No Longer Required for this Service

Prayers for the People

Medical personnel and first responders

Sympathy...

Rev. Marcus Smith and family in the death of his wife, Vann Smith.



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PRELUDE

Children's Song No. 12

Chick Corea

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Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust,

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

Let none who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are clothed with treachery.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way,

and leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches them their way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep the Lord's covenant and

testimonies.

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and broke its hold over your people.

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and accept the life of your kingdom. Amen.**

HYMN

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Come to the Water
Tom & Jenna Hood, soloists

(Schrader/Foley)

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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we open our hearts as we hear your word today.
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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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GOSPEL LESSON

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CLOSING HYMN

Spirit Song

Oh let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh let Him have those things that hold you,
and His Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole

Chorus

Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Oh come and sing the song of gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness;
give Him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. **Chorus**

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Children's Song No. 14

Chick Corea

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Bishop David Graves who is preaching for us today.*

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie, Rev. Laura Parker

Acolyte: Sims Peters

Music: Tom Hood, Jenna Hood, John Richardson

Media and Sound: Kaitlyn Hunter, Ann Lyles Tapscott

About today's service music: Chick Corea died Feb. 9 at the age of 79. He was an American composer, pianist, and 23-time Grammy Award winner. He recorded classical, jazz, Latin, and solo originals. He played with Miles Davis and Bela Fleck among many, many others over a 40+ year career. Corea was named a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master in 2006. This group of 20 "Children's Songs" was written and recorded in 1984, and I had the opportunity to learn and perform these two on my high school senior recital in 1996. I share them today with gratitude for the life and music of Chick Corea. --John Richardson



Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

--Joel 2:13

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. **Restore** to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will **return** to you.

--Psalm 51:10-13

At a time when it is tempting to isolate our hearts as well as our bodies, how important it is to hear the Holy Spirit calling us back into relationship. During a season in which we have wrestled with our reality and grappled with our grief, where do we turn for hope? What are we to do with ourselves and with our situation?

The Word is *return*.

Return to God, who is gracious and merciful. Though our sins may distance us, God has a plan for our reunion. It is time for a new heart, a willing spirit, and thus, a new life altogether.

With its customary emphasis on truth-telling and self-examination, this season of Lent invites us to once again *return* to God in worship, in study, in service and sacrifice, in confession and in pardon. The message is clear and simple: when we *return* to God, we are *restored* by God.

Do not cast me away from your presence we pray.

I will not, says the Lord. I will not, I have not, and I shall not. I cannot return to you, however, because I never left you. Thus, for this relationship to be restored, you will need to return to me. That is the call. Return...and be restored...with joy!

We are glad that you have returned to worship with us today. Welcome home.

Let us repent, rejoice, and be glad...

Darren



Starting this Wednesday, February 24 at 5:45pm all are invited to join us in the sanctuary for a time of centering prayer with Mona Marnell, MDIV.

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/adulthooddiscipleship/>

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

Sunday, February 21st: 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

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+. In-Person continues this week with option to connect by Zoom. Current study is 2nd Thessalonians. Contact Brenda Robinson for more information: bgodbold@hiwaay.net
Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:45 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280028742?pwd=ZTE1MVBKMnFrZW1MZ2tseXIxUUUY2UT09>

Pathfinders B210

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

New Beginnings B209

Adults in their 40s, 50s, 60s. Some retired, some with children in school or college, some with grandchildren. Current study facilitated by Phil Webb (Max Lucado book, looking at issues of "Acceptance)."
Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:45 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88050683031?pwd=NW8zMjVab1o5Rk1mdUdHQkZqNUwvQT09>
Meeting ID: 880 5068 3031 Passcode: 693817

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: Covenants with God; Hebrews 8:7-13
Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:30 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82875275290?pwd=K3YyV2xSa3VDTDJ0NH11a0JjOXJRQT09>
Meeting ID: 828 7527 5290 Passcode: 212008

Friends in Faith

Retired adults, individuals and couples.
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.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88171481169?pwd=WkE3QlIiFeVdxhFQ2akpXSkZFK1hWUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 7148 1169

Passcode: 575645

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received February 14, 2021 - \$30,342

(Online - \$18,964 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$11,378)

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



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>

Caring Ministries...



Prayer Ministry Team....

FUMC Prayer Ministry Team is vital to the health of our Church Family. They continue to respond daily to prayer requests and lift the needs and praises for our congregation. If you would like to join the team of prayer warriors or submit a prayer request you can call the church office 251-928-1148 or email Dr. Ann Pearson ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org or Mary Lucas marylucas501@gmail.com.

Support Groups Continuing to Share the Care through Virtual meetings.....

Survivors of Suicide will be meeting Monday, February 22 at 6:30pm.

Tough Dogs Cancer Support will be meeting Tuesday, February 23 at 12:30pm.

Contact Dr. Ann Pearson ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org for your zoom invite.

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

Saturday, March 6

9:30am-6:00pm

For 3rd – 6th graders

\$45 (includes lunch & dinner at camp)

Join us for this one-day retreat packed with fun camp activities. We will leave church on a charter bus 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.

This Monday, Feb 22 is the last day to submit registration in church office!

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 meets today (Feb 21) at 4:00 in Wesley Hall.

SWIFT

Our ministry for 5th & 6th graders will meet this Wednesday (Feb 24) at 6:30 in Wesley Hall.

PIER

Thanks to all who gave your preference on the day/time you'd like our Pier ministry for K-2nd grade to meet. An overwhelming majority said Sundays from 4-5:15. We hope to begin meeting again on Sunday, March 14. This will depend on whether or not we have enough volunteers.

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 @ 6:00-7:45pm

Join us for Sunday Night youth this weekend. Gym opens for free time at 5:30 pm for all students in 7th-12th grade. Games, worship, and a message. Hope to see you then!

JR & SR GIRLS BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm // FUMC Campus

Our junior and senior girls are invited to join us for Tuesday night study. We are doing a new book study in Philippians. If you would like more information, please [email rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org) for details.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Wednesdays @ 6:30-7:45 pm//10th-12th (Host Homes) & 7th-9th (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 Sundays @ 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?

Interested in learning more about Student Ministry? Connect with us on social media, sign up for our text message reminders, get plugged into our GROUPME for every grade and subscribe to our parent 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!

HOW ARE WE SERVING ?

SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY & BEYOND 2020

- Over 10,500 meals prepared & served through our COVID food outreach
- Over 450 sets of uniforms distributed during Back to School Bash w/Fairhope PD
- Costa Rica Medical Team served over 500+ patients
- Thanksgiving Outreach- 275+ meals (Community, Law Enforcement, Meals of Wheels)
- Christmas Angel Tree Program- Serving 125+ Children & 40+ Elderly
- Local Family Outreach- Temporary Shelter for 8+ Families
- DHR, Foster Care & Child Advocacy Center Outreach- 150+ Backpack & Supplies
- Disaster Response- 250+ Cleaning Buckets for Hurricane Victims
- Hurricane Sally- Debris Cleanup, Food Distribution, Supplies (1500+ cases of water)
- Youth & Children's Ministry Serve Days (Prodissee Pantry, Hurricane Sally Response)
- Thanksgiving Meal Outreach- Groceries for 10 families in need
- Hygiene Kits- 1000+ prepared & distributed to homeless population
- Dance & Cheer Lessons- 4 girls through our Foster Care Outreach
- Missionary Support & Love Offering to our Missionaries in Costa Rica & Bus Drivers
- Baldwin County EMA- Providing Lunch during COVID & Hurricane Sally Response



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY & BEYOND!

LOCAL NEED : PEREZ FAMILY

We are currently working with the Perez Family from Guatemala. They are expecting their third child, a baby girl in the coming weeks. The doctors discovered a heart condition and the baby is expected to have surgery 3 days after birth at UAB. Both the mother & father are currently working construction. The family is in great need of support due to the nature of the heart condition of the baby girl who they are planning to name Leslie. We are planning to collect diapers, baby items & gas cards to help the Perez family. Leslie will have to return to UAB at 4 months for additional surgery. For more information about serving this family, please contact Jennifer

CHURCH LIFE MINISTRIES

ANNNNNND WE'RE BACK...

BLOCK PARTY

SAVE THE DATE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD

MORE DETAILS TO COME

