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# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Epiphany of the Lord  
The Gathering: January 2, 2022  
11:00 am

OPENING SONG

*Do You Hear What I Hear*

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come.  
**Behold the glory of the Lord. Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem,  
still draws the nations to yourself:  
dispel the darkness that shrouds our path,  
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offer him our hearts and souls,  
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SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Made to Worship  
Light of the World*

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERING

*Here I Am To Worship*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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By the compelling radiance of your Spirit,  
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Isaiah 60:1-6

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

“Something Always Comes Next”

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

*King of My Heart*

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker

Acolyte: Mollie Katen Bishop

Communion Servers: Rick and Shelly Fitzhugh, Jill Scott, Lily Scott

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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

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January 2, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 am Traditional Worship

PRELUDE

*How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*

(Praetorious)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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\*HYMN OF PRAISE #224

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED

\*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*The Work of Christmas*

(Forrest)

\*DOXOLOGY

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HYMN OF PREPARATION #251      *Go, Tell It On the Mountain*  
GOSPEL LESSON                              Matthew 2:1-12  
SERMON    "By Another Road"                              Rev. Antonio Christie  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *UMH#12*  
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
THE LORD'S PRAYER  
BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP  
CLOSING HYMN #246                              *Joy to the World*  
SENDING FORTH  
POSTLUDE    *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*                              (Buxtehude)

Assisting in Worship Today:

Rev. Antonio Christie, Dr. Ann Pearson  
Communion Servers: Don and Carol Danforth, James and Robin Buchholz (8:30)  
Bealle and Pat Dawson, Ann Pearson, Linda Smith (11:00)  
Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, FUMC Choir  
Media and Sound: Ann Lyles Tapscott, Wright Tapscott



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