



# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost  
November 8, 2020

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of our ancestors has led us to this place.

**We are witnesses.**

We have sworn to teach God's promises  
to all generations.

**We are witnesses.**

The time is coming when Christ will come again in glory.

**We are witnesses.**

Let us tell the world of God's faithful love.

**We will worship and witness together!**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Your love has brought us together, O Lord,  
and it is your love that sustains us through each day.

We pray that you would keep us faithful.

Even as we watch for signs of your kingdom,  
strengthen us to work with you  
to bring about, here and now,  
your reign on earth.

Give us the courage  
to witness to your presence in the world,  
today, tomorrow, and into the future.

We pray in the name of the One who comes,  
Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN

*Rejoice the Lord is King #715*

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

(11:00) BAPTISM

Cora Dawson Kuglar  
Daughter of Chris and Christy Kuglar

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (arr. by Pethel)  
Violin solo Laura Morris

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of extravagant grace,  
may your Spirit refresh our hearts  
through the reading of the scriptures  
that we may perceive all the good we can do for Christ  
and so grow in our faith toward our Lord Jesus. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 78:1-7

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON

*"Prep and Wait"*

Rev. Antonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CLOSING HYMN

## *Trust and Obey #467*

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

### *Refrain*

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.

### *[Refrain]*

But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows,  
are for them who will trust and obey.

### *[Refrain]*

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;  
never fear, only trust and obey.

### *[Refrain]*

## SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Dwain and Beverly Treadwell by their family.*

### **Assisting in Worship Today:**

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

Music: Tom Hood, Jenna Hood, John Richardson

Acolytes: Sam and Will Roach (8:30am) Radley Shaw (11:00am)

Media and Sound: Kaitlyn Hunter, James Brown

## **Prayers for the People**

### **Medical personnel and first responders**

### **Sympathy:**

**Lee Welch** in the loss of her aunt, Ruth Ezell.

**Don and Toni Wineman** in the death of his son, Kenneth Dwayne Wineman.

**Michael and Deidre Dodd** in the death of her brother, Tommy Cain.

## HAPPENING TODAY...

### Fruit Gift Bags, Opportunity To Share...

Bring bags of fruit to Church on Sunday for Community Fruit Gift Bags. Carts will be outside Wesley Hall between 8:30am and 1:30pm to drop off your fruit donations. It's a day we can give to others!



### Sunday Vespers Service ~ Tonight

Join us tonight at 6pm in the sanctuary for a Vespers Service offering prayer, song, and scripture. Plans are to have this take place regularly on the second Sunday of each month.

### TODAY ... JESSE TREE ORNAMENT SWAP DEADLINE!

Just 6 more spots available for the swap! All must be taken in order for the swap to happen! Will you join us?

Join us for our 7<sup>th</sup> year of doing this ornament swap! The Jesse Tree is an Advent tradition named after Jesse, the father of King David. Biblical symbols representing the ancestry of Jesus, either in bloodline or faith, are added one by one to a tree. For each ornament, there is a scripture reading, devotion and prayer that help explain the symbol. There is an ornament for each day beginning December 1 and ending on Christmas day. Online registration is now open – go to church website and click on Ministries/Children/Jesse Tree. You'll find information about the Jesse Tree, guidelines for the swap, important dates and the 25 Bible stories and symbols!



***In-Person Worship Reservations will 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)**

**11:00am Traditional (Sanctuary)**

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

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

## ***ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEETING IN-PERSON:***

### **Basics ~ B217**

Young couples parenting young children or newly married. Teaching rotation with varied topics.

### **Foundations ~ B215**

Parents of children and youth. Teaching rotation with varied topics.

### **Pathfinders ~ B210**

Multi-generational class with in-depth Bible study. Facilitated by Linda Smith. Beginning a new study on the book of Jonah.

### **New Beginnings ~ B209**

Adults in their 40s, 50s, 60s. Some retired, some with children in school or college, some with grandchildren. Teaching rotation with a variety of topics.

### **Homecoming Class ~ Wesley Hall (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in November)**

Adults 50+, teaching rotation with primary emphasis on Bible study.  
Will begin a study on Zechariah. Participants may join from home by Zoom.  
Contact Brenda Robinson for more information: [bgodbold@hiwaay.net](mailto:bgodbold@hiwaay.net)

### **Living Word ~ B207**

Ages span several decades and singles and couples faithfully participate.  
In-depth Bible study facilitated by Doug Garner. Zoom link available.

### **Grace and Peace ~ Fellowship Hall (CLC)**

Adults of varying ages and stages will find open, honest, thoughtful conversation in a place of radical hospitality. Shared leadership. Zoom link available.

**Contact the church for more information about these classes that will continue to meet exclusively through Zoom:**

### **Koinonia**

Adults of varying ages, facilitated by Tony Caminiti; in depth Bible study and other topical studies.

### **Friends in Faith**

Retired adults, individuals and couples. Teaching rotation with in depth Bible study.

### **Coming Soon:**

**Discovery Class** is considering whether or not to meet in-person and information will be forthcoming. This is a welcoming group of senior adults, mostly retired, facilitated by Cecil Christenberry.



Dear Friends,

Welcome to worship! How glad I am that you have chosen to worship with us!

For the next several Sundays between now and the start of Advent, we will be listening carefully for the Word of God in a series of teachings from Jesus in the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew's gospel. The underlying anticipation of the coming Kingdom creates a definite sense of urgency in these texts. How do we wait for

this Kingdom? What do we do in the meantime? What is at stake for us in the world as it is? Clearly, there are decisions to be made for all of us. As our society is spinning with competing claims of chaos, various versions of reality, and divergent discussions of speculation and distrust, how hungry we are for a coherent word of grace and truth!

In in this brief series the *Stories That Jesus Still Tells*, we will reconsider the course of action for those who not only want to *know* Jesus, but who desire to *behave* like him too. This is the call of Christian discipleship, and here is how it is taking shape this week:

1. This Sunday after worship, Rev. Ontonio and I will be traveling with other members of our congregation and community to assist with post-Zeta tree cleanup for Pine Grove UMC in nearby Leroy, AL. We'll be departing from FUMC at 1pm if any would like to join us for this afternoon of service.
2. We are still making plans for our annual Thanksgiving Day service with Pastor Casandra Boykin and our sisters and brothers from the African Universal Church. Truth be told, it will look different this year, as that congregation has suffered significant damage from Hurricane Sally. As we seek ways to walk alongside them at this challenging time, Fairhope UMC will be collecting an additional love offering for the African Universal Church between now and Thanksgiving to assist them with their current insurance deductible on building repairs. Whatever generous level of support we are able to collect from the congregation, we hope to match with resources from our current Caring Ministries Fund. More details on the actual Thanksgiving Day service will be communicated as soon as they are finalized, but you might wish to "pencil-in" a gathering at 9 am on November 26.

Even in this season of immense challenges, I am confident of the Spirit's work among us. It is good to be the church of Jesus Christ here at Fairhope UMC!

Yours,

Darren

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

Offering Received November 1 – \$34,695

(Online - \$10,536 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$24,159)

*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



It is hard to believe the Christmas Season is already upon us. We can all agree that it has been quite the year of disappointments, discouragements, hurricanes, and far too many uncertainties. That's why we are excited to invite you to get into the Christmas spirit with us. This year, we will be putting up Christmas trees around the church campus, along Section Street and Morphy Ave.

We are looking for 12-15 small groups to take on the task of providing ornaments and decorating a tree. Whether it's your Sunday School Class, Youth Group, Book Club, Mops Group, we need you. We will have a Christmas Tree decorating party on Wednesday, December 2, where each group will gather, and decorate their tree. Each tree will then be placed along the street, to share the Christmas spirit with our community.

Please call the church office at 251-928-1148 to sign up your team by November 20, 2020.





## **A note from Rev. Laura:**

Monday morning devotionals 9:30am THIS Monday

Join Zoom Meeting

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

For information on how to get started on Zoom, [click here](#).

## **Caring Ministries...**

### **Survivors of Suicide Support Group...**

Meeting on Monday, November 9 at 6:30pm: A zoom option is available for those who wish to continue meeting on line. Contact [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org) to join in on the meeting.

### **Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group...**

Meeting virtually on Tuesday at 12:30pm: Contact Ann Pearson [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org) to join the meeting on line.

## **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 olds 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.

**Pier & Pier34** meet today and next Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-5:30pm in Wesley Hall (Education Building). Masks will be worn by all children and adult volunteers. Pier is for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Pier34 is for 3<sup>rd</sup>&4<sup>th</sup> graders.

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

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

6:30-7:45pm

Wesley Hall (Education Building)



## **Student Ministries...**

### **THIS SUNDAY!**

Youth Sunday School

**Time: 10:00 am ~ Meet: CLC Attic (7th-12th grade)**

Sunday Night Youth Worship

**Time: 6:00-7:45 pm ~ Meet: CLC (7th-12th grade)**

Sunday night youth is back! Don't miss out for worship, games, and new series called, **"It's Personal."** Plus, free time to hang out with and make some new friends. We CAN'T wait to see you all this weekend! Special Note: We WILL NOT have youth supper until further notice. Please plan to eat before or after we are done with the youth program.

### **JR & SR GIRLS BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesday, October 27 @ 7:30 pm//FUMC Campus**

Our junior and senior girls are invited to join us for Tuesday night in- person Bible study each week on Women of the Bible. If you are interested, please email [rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org) for more details.

### **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

**Wednesday's @ 6:30-7:45 pm//CLC// Groups divided by grade.**

Check your GROUPME for additional information weekly.

\*\*\*Please note we **WILL** meet this week 11/11/20.

### **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?

Happy 100th Birthday to one of our Friday Friends!



FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW OUR COMMUNITY CAFE' TEAM HAS DELIVERED MEALS TO KATHRYN PARMA WHO LIVES IN SILVERHILL. MS PARMA IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, BUT SHE HEARD ABOUT OUR FRIDAY MEAL DELIVERY & CONTACTED US



TO BE ADDED TO OUR HOMEBOUND LIST. OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM HAS ENJOYED DELIVERING MEALS TO HER EACH WEEK. THE DRIVER IS GREETED EACH WEEK WITH A LARGE BAG OF QUILTING SCRAPS THAT MS. PARMA HAS GATHERED TOGETHER FROM HER HOME. OUR DRIVERS BRING THE BAG OF SCRAPS TO THE CHURCH TO THEN BE PASSED ON TO SEVERAL LOCAL QUILTING GUILDS. PICTURED ARE QUILTS THAT HAVE MADE OUT OF THE SCRAPS THAT HAVE PASTED THROUGH THE CHURCH OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THIS PAST TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD MS. PARMA TURNED 100 YEARS OLD! WE WERE EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO DELIVER HER FLOWERS & BALLONS FOR HER BIRTHDAY!

### THANKSGIVING DAY COMMUNITY LUNCH

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26TH

WE WILL BE DELIVERY ONLY THIS YEAR!  
SERVING OUR HOMEBOUND COMMUNITY,  
DAPHNE, FAIRHOPE & SPANISH FORT LAW ENFORCEMENT  
ECUMENICAL MEALS ON WHEELS HOMEBOUND

**DRIVERS NEEDED!**

**ITEMS NEEDED:**  
GREEN BEANS #10 CANS  
LARGE BAGS OF FRIED ONIONS  
CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP  
DESSERTS  
TURKEY (12-15 LBS FROZEN OR FRESH)

**ALL ITEMS CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE  
CLC KITCHEN STARTING NOV 20TH!  
STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!**

**CONTACT JENNIFER MYRICK  
MISSIONS@FAIRHOPUMC.ORG**



### HURRICANE SALLY UPDATE

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO HELP WITH RECOVERY EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY! IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP ASSESS OR SERVE WITH CLEAN UP, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR EMAIL MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG WE CONTINUE TO HOST VOLUNTEER TEAMS FROM OTHER CONFERENCES. WE'VE HOSTED 2 TEAMS FROM OHIO AND 2 TEAMS FROM GEORGIA. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM WELCOMING THESE WORK TEAMS, PLEASE LET US KNOW!



**FAIRHOPE**  
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DISASTER RESPONSE



#### Foster Care Outreach:

We are currently working with three foster care families. We received a request from DHR asking for us to help provide the resources so the 4 little girls could have a safe outlet. All 4 girls are in dance or cheer. Our commitment is to help sponsor the girls for current dance/cheer season. This is our second year to provide support for 3 of girls. If you are interested in supporting this outreach, please let me know. We work regularly throughout the year supporting the needs of



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO SERVE  
EMAIL MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG OR CONTACT JENNIFER MYRICK  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE!

