



# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2020, Traditional Worship**

PRELUDE

*Now Thank We Our God*

G.F. Kaufman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord continually watches all of God's own sheep.

**They are led to green pastures and brought before stilled waters.**

Praise God for God's tender and loving care of us.

**Thanks to God for all the mercies God shows to us.**

Let us enter God's house with hearts filled with joy.

**O Lord, open our spirits to respond to your words of compassion. AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of justice and peace, bring your dazzling light into our hearts and spirits that we might see the glorious opportunities we have to serve you. Help us to see that following your mandate to feed the hungry, bring nourishment to those who thirst, offer clothing to those in need, visit the sick and those who are imprisoned, welcome the stranger – any activity of service as an act of great privilege and joy. We praise you for the light of your son, Jesus Christ, who boldly bids us care for each other and become those who would bring good news of peace for all. AMEN

HYMN

*Rejoice the Lord Is King*

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!

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*O How He Loves You and Me*  
Women's Ensemble

(Purifoy/Kaiser)

## 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 100

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

## SERMON

"Surprise, Surprise, Surprise"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CLOSING HYMN

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love your spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in it's height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

## SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

*Now Let Us To God, the Lord, Give Thanks*

Pachelbel

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanks for all  
the beautiful days we have spent in Fairhope by Joyce and Joedd Price.*

**Assisting in Worship Today:** Dr. Darren McClellan  
**Acolytes:** Elliot Determann (8:30) Max McClellan (11:00)  
**Music:** Tom Hood, John Richardson  
**Media and Sound:** Robert Hammon, James Brown

**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
**Order of Service ~ The Gathering**  
**November 22, 2020**

OPENING SONGS

*Mighty to Save*  
*You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

Shea White, Praise Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalms 100*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!**

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

**We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

**Give thanks and bless God's name!**

For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever; God's faithfulness to all generations.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the lost and lonely, God of the secure and confident, gather us into your fold that we may be healed and transformed. Guide us in your world that we may be part of ministries of healing and hope, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name.

AMEN.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, open your Word. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that our eyes may be enlightened and we may know the hope to which we have been called; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

"No Surprises"

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

*Glorious One*

**Assisting in Worship Today:** *Rev. Laura Parker*

**Music:** *Shea White and Praise Band*

**Acolyte:** *Hackett Robertson*

**Media and Sound:** *Robert Hammon, Jamie Waldhour*

## Prayers for the People

Medical personnel and first responders

### Sympathy

Erika Pellinat in the death of her husband, Karl Pellinat.

### Celebration

Trish and David Sutley have a new grandson, Franklin Henry Sutley, Jr. born November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Proud parents are Frank and Elaina Sutley.

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

Offering Received November 15 - \$30,617

(Online - \$13,519 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$17,098)

*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 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/>

## Thanksgiving Update



As previously announced, Fairhope UMC is seeking to respond with generosity to the present need of our Sisters and Brothers at the African Universal Church. In planning for our traditional Thanksgiving Day worship service together, Pastor Casandra Boykin has helped us to better understand the scope of damage caused by hurricane Sally. In light of this hardship, we will not join in worship with the African Universal Church choir as usual this season, but we do intend to partner with them nonetheless!

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of those who have or will be sharing in our love offering to the African Universal Church, to help offset their expenses in the work of disaster recovery. I am also proud of Fairhope UMC's decision to match the congregation's offering with an additional gift from the Caring Ministries Fund.

While it will be different this year, I welcome any who would like to stop by the Sanctuary from 9:00-10:00 on Thanksgiving Day. Let this be an opportunity to present your gift! We will not have a "service" per say, but I do plan to preside for a word of blessing and conversation. At the very least, it will be time well spent in prayer. Soon thereafter, I intend to present our collective contribution to Pastor Casandra Boykin as a sign of our love and support.

*Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy. --Psalm 107:21-22*

Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving season!

Darren

### Poinsettias...

During the Christmas Season, poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary and CLC on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> to help celebrate the season. Acknowledgements will be listed that day in the bulletin. If you would like to place a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form and return it to the office with your check payable to the church no later than Monday, December The cost of each flower is \$15.00 (pre-paid). If you wish, you may pick up your poinsettia following any of our Christmas Eve services. Forms are available in the sanctuary narthex and at the welcome desk at the CLC.



### Monday Mornings In Fairhope

#### A note from Rev. Laura:

We will take a break for the Thanksgiving holiday on Monday, November 23rd and resume Monday, November 30th.



This year, we will be putting up Christmas trees around the church campus, along Section Street and Morphy Avenue. 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. **It is not too late!** Please call the church office at 251-928-1148 or email Bobbi Jo at [bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org) to sign up your team.



**NOV 29 FIRST SUNDAY {HOPE}**

SANCTUARY 8:30 | 11:00 - DM | GATHERING 11:00 - LP

**DEC 2 BLOCK PARTY & TREE DECORATION**

5:00-7:00 PM | ADVENT WREATH KITS AVAILABLE

**DEC 5 CHILDREN'S CANDY CANE CHRISTMAS**

8:30-10:30 AM | CHURCH PARKING LOT

**DEC 6 SECOND SUNDAY {LOVE}**

SANCTUARY 8:30 - \*AL | 11:00- OC | GATHERING 11:00 - \*AL

\*GUEST PREACHER, ANGIE LONG, UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

**DEC 13 THIRD SUNDAY {JOY}**

SANCTUARY 8:30 | 11:00- LP | GATHERING 11:00 - DM

**DEC 13 ADVENT VESPERS**

SANCTUARY 6:00 PM

**DEC 20 FOURTH SUNDAY {PEACE}**

**A CHRISTMAS STORY - A MUSICAL CELEBRATION**

SANCTUARY 8:30 | 9:45 | 11:00 | GATHERING 11:00

**DECEMBER 24**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:**

**1:30 | 3:00 | 4:15 SANCTUARY**

COMMUNION AT ALL 3 SERVICES | **CANDLELIGHT AT 4:15**

**5:30 HALSTEAD AMPHITHEATER**

Coastal Alabama Community College, Fairhope

**CANDLELIGHT WALK FROM AMPHITHEATER TO CHURCH FRONT LAWN**

**6:45 COMMUNION ON FRONT LAWN**



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEETING IN-PERSON

9:45-10:40 AM ON SUNDAYS

*\*Changes for this week are highlighted in yellow.*

### Foundations & Basics ~ Fellowship Hall

Parents of children and youth, young couples parenting young children and newly married. These classes will be meeting together through the end of the year. Dr. Darren McClellan will be facilitating a discussion of an Advent study by Walter Brueggemann, *Names for the Messiah*. Zoom link is available.

### Pathfinders ~ B210

Multi-generational class with in-depth Bible study. Facilitated by Linda Smith. Studying 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. Phil Webb is leading an Advent Study by Andy Stanley, *Who Needs Christmas*. Zoom link is available.

### Homecoming Class ~ Wesley Hall

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

Zoom link:

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

### Grace and Peace ~ B217

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

### Discovery Class ~ B114 (Wesley Hall Classroom)

This is a welcoming group of senior adults, mostly retired, facilitated by Cecil Christenberry.

### Living Word: Meeting by Zoom only November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>:

Ages span several decades and singles and couples faithfully participate. In-depth Bible study facilitated by Doug Garner. Will resume in-person, B207, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

### 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.





***Disciple IV Under the Tree of Life***  
**Facilitated by Dr. Darren McClellan**  
**(via Zoom)**

Disciple IV is the final study in the four-phase DISCIPLE program and concentrates on Old Testament Writings, the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, James, Jude, and finally, Revelation. This is the original version – not Fast Track.

**\*\*Prerequisite:** Participants must have taken Disciple I (original or Fast Track). Disciple Bible Studies do not need to be taken in order.

When: Friday afternoons, beginning January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2-4 pm. **ZOOM ONLY**. The Old Testament component (16-weeks) will be taught through the Spring, concluding May 14<sup>th</sup>. Plans now are to teach the New Testament component in the Fall of 2021. We will determine at that time whether or not the NT will be taught by Zoom or in-person.

Cost: \$45

***Invitation to John: A Short-Term Disciple Study***  
**Facilitated by Barbara Stewart (in-person)**

The invitation from Christ is: "Come and see, Follow me." Experience the magnificent passages in John including the I am statements (I am the truth, the life and the way, I am the living water and more). Revisit stories only told in John's gospel including Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene and the raising of Lazarus.

During the weekly video segments, travel into the Scripture as you hear the Word, experience the grand artwork connected with each story and interview the scholar. Each week wraps up with a small group discussion on video to spark your own conversation.

**\*\*There is no prerequisite for this class.**

When: Wednesday mornings, beginning January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Will be taught in-person in Wesley Hall with social distancing and masks requested. Twelve weeks concluding March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Cost: \$13

Registration for either class: Please email [bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org) or call the church office to register.



## Caring Ministries...

### **Our staff sends well wishes and blessings for a Happy Thanksgiving.**

Prayers for those who will be traveling or staying at home as we spend time with family and friends. Know Thanksgiving meals are being provided for takeout if you call the church on Monday to reserve your meal. You can pick your meal up or it can be delivered to you.



### **We were able to share...**

Our Lord's Pantry with the leadership of Sandy Frailie and the team provided baby food, formula, bottles etc. to the Lutheran Church. We are thankful to be able to partner and support the efforts of the ministry "Swaddling Clothes."

### **Freezer News...**

The standup freezer in Wesley Hall no longer works and we need another one. If you have a upright freezer to donate or one we could buy, please contact Ann Pearson in the church office at 251-928-1148.



### **Let us know...**

If you have needs, concerns and praises to share, please contact the Pastoral Staff, Stephen Ministers or Prayer Warriors through the church office at 251-928-1148 or by email, [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org).

## 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.

## WEDNESDAYS FOR CHILDREN ...

**SWIFT** (5<sup>th</sup>&6<sup>th</sup> graders) will not meet this week (November 25).

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN ...

**Come & Go Ornament Party** (in conjunction with church-wide Block Party & Tree Decorating) / Wednesday, December 2 / K-6<sup>th</sup> grade / 5-7pm in CLC Fellowship Hall / Parents are asked to stay and participate with their children (with the exception of 5<sup>th</sup>&6<sup>th</sup> grades)

The poster is for a "Candy Cane CHRISTMAS" event. It features a red and white striped border. The title "Candy Cane CHRISTMAS" is at the top, with "Candy Cane" in a stylized font and "CHRISTMAS" in large green letters. Below the title, it says "Fairhope United Methodist Church", "Saturday, December 5", "8:30-10:30am", and "Parking Lot". On the right is an illustration of three candy canes tied with a red bow. On the left, under "Candy Cane Course", it says "Decorate your bike/riding toy for Christmas and bring to church to ride the course! (no motorized toys please; remember your helmet)". Below that are "Pictures with Santa", "Pancake & Sausage on a Stick and Hot Chocolate", "Decorate Cookies & Make Reindeer Food", and "Play Games & More!". At the bottom left, it says "\*In the event of rain, this event will be cancelled." On the right, in a box, is the "Candy Cane MISSION" section, which says "Help us spread the spirit of Christmas! We are collecting new bikes and riding toys during the event to give to children for Christmas! Donations will be distributed through DHR, Ecumenical Ministries and Fairhope UMC Missions."

**THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION** / Sunday, December 13 / Front lawn following the 11:00 worship services / If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader and did not receive a letter, contact Michelle Graham at 251-377-2325.

## Student Ministries...

**PARENTS & STUDENTS:** No Youth meetings on November 22 or 25 due to the Thanksgiving break.

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (Nov 22 & 29)

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

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH (Nov 29)

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

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! 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 (Dec 1)

Tuesday's @ 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 for more details.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

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

## 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!

## Missions...

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

### 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

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO  
SERVE ON THE DELIVERY TEAM!

#### 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!**

**WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING HAMS &  
TURKEYS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES**

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



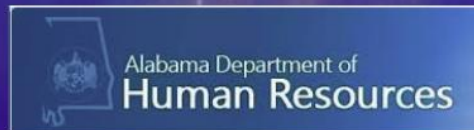
## *Angel Tree Christmas Giving* Our Angels are Coming!

We are partnering with Ecumenical Ministries & DHR helping to provide Christmas for children & elderly in our community.

Our children & elderly angels will be available the end of November.

Angels will be available to pick up outside the church office & in the CLC. We are also happy to email you the information if you are not able to make it by the church.

More info? email [missions@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:missions@fairhopeumc.org)



### **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 DHR & CareHouse.



**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!**

# Advent Wreath Kits

will be available  
Sunday, November 29th

## \$20 Advent Wreath Kit

Candles, Wreath Foam, Pins,  
Greenery will be available on  
the side of the CLC for pick up!

email [missions@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:missions@fairhopeumc.org)  
to reserve a kit

We are sorry that we are not able to  
host the chili lunch this year. Advent  
Wreath Kits will be available to  
pick up outside of the church  
office and in the CLC  
Sunday, November 29th

Greenery will be  
available on the side of  
the CLC. Please  
take what you need!

