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Monday & Tuesday ~ December 27-28, 2021



# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday  
The Gathering: November 21, 2021

### OPENING SONG

*Who You Say I Am*

Shea White, Praise Team

### CALL TO WORSHIP

From the Spirit who was, the Rock who is, the Strong One yet to come,  
grace and peace to you!

**Come before God with joy and thanks.**

Let us worship God.

### OPENING PRAYER

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that the calamities, the demands, even the blessings of this world  
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**Open our hearts to the comfort, the challenge and the mystery of this good news.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, we pray. Amen.**

### SINGING OUR PRAISES

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John 18:33-37

### SERMON

"Not Of This World"

Rev. Ontonio Christie

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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CLOSING SONG

*King of Glory*

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Antonio Christie

Acolyte: Graham Downs

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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



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PRELUDE

*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

Walther

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

**All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

— Psalm 95:1-7, NRSV

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\*HYMN OF PRAISE #327

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED

\*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*Bless His Holy Name*

Mark Shepperd

\*DOXOLOGY

11:00 CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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2 Samuel 23:1-7

HYMN OF PREPARATION #332

*Spirit of Faith, Come Down*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 18:33-37

SERMON

*"Living in Two Worlds"*

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #310

*He Lives*

(8:30) RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS ~ Mark and Janice Walters

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Toccata in C Minor*

Walther

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Ann Calhoun "Meme" for her 85th birthday by her family.

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

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Laura Parker, Dr. Ann Pearson

Acolytes: Ellie Strunk, Jackson Strunk (8:30) Hackett Robertson (11:00)

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, FUMC Choir

Media and Sound: Peyton Phillips, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Joshua McClellan

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*Stay connected!*

# THE LINK

*Weekly Newsletter*

**NOVEMBER 21, 2021**



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EMAIL WEEKLY**  
NOT ON OUR EMAIL LIST?  
**SUBSCRIBE USING  
THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR  
PHONE CAMERA:**





# Pathways

FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Pathways!

*...Finding your way to community at Fairhope UMC; visitors, new members, longtime members...anyone is welcome who wants to know more or dive deeper!*

**Join us in early 2022 for these opportunities.  
All classes taught on Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:40.**

### ***Marks of a Methodist***

***Sunday, January 16, 2022***

- Exploring faith in Jesus Christ and the distinctives of Methodism.
- How does the concept of “grace” mark who we are as God’s people?
- Church “membership” through the lens of covenant-making.
- Facilitated by Dr. Darren McClellan

### ***Growing in Grace***

***Sunday, January 23, 2022***

- Establishing the disciplines of the Christian lifestyle.
- Exploring tools for a healthy devotional life.
- Exploring avenues for Christian accountability.
- Facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker

### ***Finding your Fit***

***Sunday, January 30, 2022***

- Learning about how spiritual gifts function within the body of Christ.
- Exploring the results of a spiritual gifts inventory.
- How do spiritual gifts, passion, life experiences and personality work together to prepare you for service?
- Learning about opportunities to serve at Fairhope UMC.
- Facilitated by Katie Turner

### ***Conquering the Campus***

***Sunday, February 6, 2022***

- Participate in a campus tour.
- Identify where staff offices are located.
- Learn where the various ministries take place on campus.
- Gain confidence that this is YOUR church...you are welcome here!
- Facilitated by Rev. Antonio Christie, and friends...

**Scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to register  
OR visit <https://www.fairhopeumc.org/pathways/>**



## CARING MINISTRIES

### Being Thankful...

We are thankful for our Preschoolers from our Preschool Program for bringing food for the Lord's Pantry. This month they are learning about giving and how to help others. They truly are cheerful givers!



We are thankful to the Knit and Crochet Group for preparing special Christmas Bags for Tough Pups. These bags go to children with cancer from birth to age 18. This outreach ministry continues to support Lord's Pantry with special dish clothes, Tough Dogs Chemo Care Bags with hats, Nursery Ministries with blankets, and Ecumenical Ministry Angel Tree with handmade items.

### Church wide Christmas Delivery

We are starting our list of drivers! If you can and would like to be a driver, please contact Dr. Ann Pearson at the church office 251-928-1148 or email [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org). Deliveries will begin the week of November 29<sup>th</sup> and continue into December.

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Our Stephen Ministers are available to walk this unprecedented time with you as we all face daily challenges. Please contact Dr. Ann Pearson at 251-928-1148 or [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org) if you are interested in this ministry.

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another."* Ephesians 4:32

## Support Ministries

**Grief Support Group** meets every Monday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in B-114.

**SOS Survivors of Suicide Support Group** meets Monday, November 22 at 6:30pm in B-114. A zoom option is available upon request from Dr. Ann Pearson [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org)

**Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group** meets on Tuesday, November 23 from 3:00 to 4:00pm in the church library. A zoom option is available upon request from Dr. Ann Pearson [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org).



Last Sunday, this congregation was proud to celebrate Mrs. Lisa Calhoun as the inaugural recipient of the "Here I Am" award here at Fairhope United Methodist Church. Rooted in Abraham's response to God during a dramatic season of sacrifice (Gen. 22:1), this newly conceived recognition is presented in honor of one who has "loved boldly" through their outstanding service to both church and community. A long time member of Fairhope UMC, Lisa

Calhoun has served as an infectious disease nurse at Thomas Hospital for over 40 years. She also served as our primary cook for Wednesday Night suppers for nearly 20 years. She and her family have offered a witness of steadfast love and support that now spans several generations.

Upon receiving this award, Lisa replied simply: *I love my church.*

We are *much obliged* to Lisa for her love, dedication and service. Hers is a model of discipleship on which all can agree!

A replay of this presentation is available on the Fairhope UMC Facebook page. Search the CLC service for November 14.





## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**NO CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, DUE TO THANKSGIVING BREAK!** This includes Children's Choir, PIER, PIER34 & SWIFT

**Sunday School** (3 yr-6th grades) ~ Sundays, 9:45-10:45

Topic this week: Naomi & Ruth, Ruth 1:1-22

## UPCOMING EVENTS

PIER & PIER34,  
join us  
for a...



Weds,  
Dec 1st  
6-7:15pm  
Wesley Hall

**Popcorn  
& Pajamas  
Christmas Party!**

Wear your fav Christmas PJs and join us  
for a night of games, fun,  
and popcorn!

**SWIFT MISSION NIGHT**

WHERE: FAIRHOPE WALMART  
WHEN: WEDS. DEC 1ST @ 6:15PM  
WHAT: ANGEL TREE SHOPPING  
DONATIONS APPRECIATED. BUT  
NOT REQUIRED!  
WHO: 5TH & 6TH GRADERS



*Breakfast at the Manger*



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Games  
Inflatables  
Crafts &  
SANTA!

**OUTDOOR  
CHRISTMAS  
TREE  
DECORATING**



Sunday, Dec 5  
9:45am  
Front Lawn  
Pier, Pier 34, & SWIFT



Registration for Winter Retreat which is Feb 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (open to 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders) is now open! This is a great time to get a taste of what camp is like at Blue Lake right outside of Andalusia, AL. Join us for a weekend of worship, games, fun, and God! See Mrs. Jenna for a registration packet! If you are interested in volunteering/chaperoning, please contact Mrs. Jenna.

## REMINDERS

- We are looking for crucifers over the next several weeks for the traditional services. You can sign up on the acolyte sign up genius. If your child would like to be trained, please contact Mrs. Jenna. This is for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and up.
- The last Wednesday night of PIER, PIER34, & SWIFT activities for 2021 is DEC 1<sup>st</sup>!



## ACOLYTES IN ACTION

Have an acolyte that loves to serve? We want to see our #acolytesinaction! We are so proud of our kids for serving in this way. So, take a picture of your acolyte serving and send it to Jenna at [jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org) to share on our children's Insta page or post it on your own Instagram account for us to see! Don't forget to tag @fairhopeumc\_childrens\_min and use the hashtag #acolytesinaction! We can't wait to see all of our wonderful acolytes!

QUESTIONS: Contact Jenna Hood, Director of Children's Ministries  
[jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org) 251-928-1148 (office)  
 and 251-591-4050 (cell)



## **SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH//6:30-8:00pm**

**(November 14 & 28)**

**\*No Youth 11/21 or in December (Dec 5 party details below)**

**7th-12th grade**

Sunday Night Youth takes place almost every week and includes: worship, games, free time in the gym, dinner and so much more. We provide an opportunity for every student in grades 7-12 to worship together with one another and we give them space to build relationships. We can't wait to see you there! There's no need to register and you can always bring a friend. We hope to see YOU this Sunday night! Parents, if you'd like to know more about what youth series we are studying. Simply download the PARENT CUE and read the email updates that are sent out at the beginning of every new series. We provide discussion starters and new ideas on how to continue the conversation and growth at home.



## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT//6:30-7:45pm**

**\*December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 pm C Group Dinner Night**

Please see your Groupme account for more information on the location for your group. You will need to bring \$10 for dinner that night and meet at the location assigned.

**\*December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm Angel Tree Shopping Night**

All C-Group members should bring \$5 and meet at the CLC 6:00 pm. We will go shopping at Target and return by 8:00 pm.



Do you need to get plugged-into Student Ministry? Students and Parents, you can keep up with all that is going on in our area of ministry and get the news first! You can follow us on social media & receive text messages customized just for Student Ministry information. Follow these simple steps below:

Instagram: @fairhopeumc.youth

Facebook: @fhsaltstudents

Text Message Reminders: Text the word "Saltstudents" to the number "43506"



## **COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Our Fairhope United Methodist Church college scholarship application is now available for download on the youth page of our church website. The deadline for ALL applications is January 16, 2022.

## **YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

### **DEC 5 @ 6:30-8:00 pm// Oldshue Farm**

Our Christmas Party will be held at the home of Jake, Lynn and John Oldshue this year. We will meet there and the address will be sent out via text message. Please make sure you are subscribed to the youth text message service by following the directions above. Wear your Ugly Christmas sweater and bring a 2 liter drink. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you all!

## **CONFIRMATION 2022**

***Begins January 9th***

**12:30-2:00 pm**

Registration for our upcoming Confirmation Class will be emailed to parents of current 7th graders on November 7. The class begins on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 12:30pm with an orientation which will include lunch for students participating in the class and their parents. Please watch for the registration link in the bulletin and through our social media accounts.

Note: A requirement for our Confirmation Class is to participate in Discovery Weekend. The important details can be found below. Please save this date as well.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL//DISCOVERY WEEKEND**

**February 11th-13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Discovery is a 43-hour spiritual retreat designed for Middle School students held on our church campus and led by High School students and Adult Mentors. Registration for 7th-8th grade participants & 9th-12th grade High School leadership will open on October 1! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. If you'd like to help in an adult leadership role, please contact our DW Directors, Larry or Megan Smith.

## **HIGH SCHOOL//SKI RETREAT**

**January 14-16, 2022**

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Join the high school youth for a Ski Retreat to Beech Mountain, North Carolina. The cost is \$350 per person and the deposit of \$100 is due no later than December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The price includes snow tubing, skiing, hotel, travel and breakfast. You will need money for lunch and dinner daily. We meet to leave 3:30 pm on Friday and return Sunday by 10:00 pm.



# THANKSGIVING DAY COMMUNITY LUNCH

## THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25TH

WE WILL BE SERVING OUR HOMEBOUND COMMUNITY,  
DAPHNE, FAIRHOPE & SPANISH FORT LAW ENFORCEMENT  
ECUMENICAL MEALS ON WHEELS HOMEBOUND

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL 11:00-1:00PM

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  
SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE  
DRESSING  
DESSERTS  
TURKEY (12-15 LBS FROZEN OR FRESH)



ALL ITEMS CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE CLC  
KITCHEN STARTING NOV 21ST!

WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING  
HAMS & TURKEYS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

CONTACT JENNIFER MYRICK  
MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG



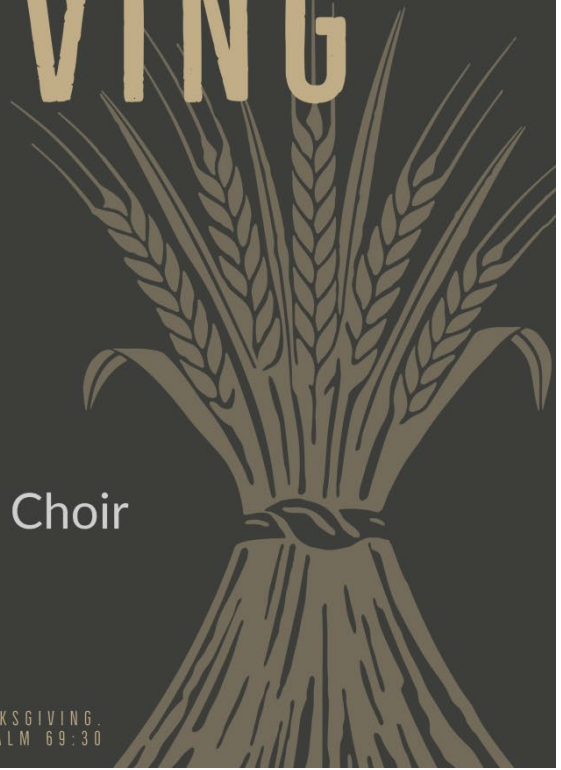
# THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 25

9:00am | Sanctuary

Special Guests: African Universal Choir

I WILL PRAISE GOD'S NAME IN SONG AND GLORIFY HIM WITH THANKSGIVING.  
- PSALM 69:30



# THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY LUNCH

NOVEMBER 25

11 AM - 1 PM

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

## MENU:

HAM & TURKEY

DRESSING

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

DESSERT



WANT TO HELP SERVE?  
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# *Help decorate a Christmas Tree @Fairhope UMC!*

Sunday School Classes,  
Ministry Groups, Families...all  
are encouraged to participate!

**DECORATE BEGINNING DECEMBER 1**

Tree & lights provided!

Interested?

Call the church office to reserve your tree! 251-928-1148

