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# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022 ~ 8:30 and 11:00 am

PRELUDE

*O Tannenbaum*

(arr. Trio West)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

When, O God, will the day of peace come?

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Shine your light into our world, mighty one, Prince of Peace.

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**All: Glory to God!! AMEN.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Philips Family: Mark, Adelia and Katie (8:30 am)

The McIntosh Family: Rebekah, Lucy and Gray (11:00 am)

Congregational Response: Hymn #206, *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (verse 1)

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #211

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

8:30 BAPTISM

Mateo Ryan Stanley  
Son of Carter and Monica Stanley

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED

\*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*Let All Mortal Flesh*

(arr. by Shackley)

\*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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PSALTER #845

*Psalm 122*

HYMN OF PREPARATION #196

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

SECOND LESSON

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

SERMON

"Come Around the Mountain"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #569

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*O Tannenbaum Funk*

(arr. Trio West)

✠ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Gene Lammers

Acolytes: (8:30) Katie Gunn

(11:00) Emma Clare Furlong, Edmond Furlong

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson. Chancel Choir

Media and Sound: John McClellan Colin Richardson, Wright Tapscott

Music Notes: Service music this Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany come from Trio West and their albums *Trio West Holiday* (2007) and *Trio West Holiday, Vol. 2* (2009). Trio West is a New York City based jazz trio formed by composer/drummer Tobias Gebb. All the members of the band have lived or currently live on the west side of Manhattan - thus the band name. Collectively, the members have played with a laundry list of top jazz (and other) performers including Cab Calloway, Peter Burnstein, John Hendricks, Larry Goldings, Ben Monder, Frank Wess, Etta Jones, and many others. Members and guests have included Eldad Zvulun, Neal Miner, Champion Fulton, Joel Frahm, Bobby Watson, Ron Blake, and others. The band has been playing around the New York tristate area since 2005. Their music is characterized by a chill, laid back jazz sound that pulls from different styles (trad, modern, latin, Brazilian, free) and may be similar to artists like Ahmad Jamal, Herbie Hancock and Ramsey Lewis.

*O Tannenbaum* is a 16th century folk tune with lyrics written in German in 1824 by Ernst Anschütz. The song alludes to God's steady faithfulness and joyful constancy through time by praising the evergreen fir trees we bring into our homes at Christmas. It has been translated from the German:

O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, How faithfully you blossom!  
Through summer's heat and winter's chill Your leaves are green and blooming still.  
O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, How faithfully you blossom!  
O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, With what delight I see you!  
When winter days are dark and drear You bring us hope for all the year.  
O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, With what delight I see you!  
O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, You bear a joyful message:  
That faith and hope shall ever bloom To bring us light in winter's gloom.  
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OPENING SONG

*Hosannah Praise is Rising*

Shea White, Praise Team

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Snead Family: Ben, Leslie Ann, Ann Copeland, Patton and Davis

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Light of the World*

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Days of Elijah*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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FIRST READING

*Psalm 122*

SECOND READING

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

SERMON

"Let Us Go Up to Worship"

Rev. Laura Parker

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## GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal,  
You are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering  
to the one who has given all of who he is for us.

*\*\*\*Baskets are available to present your offering as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.*

## INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

## BENEDICTION~SENDING FORTH

## CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker

Acolyte: Mary Stella Henderson

Communion Servers: Nadine and Barry Baskin, Mary and Noah Funderburg,

Diana Justis, Ann Pearson, Rachael Waldhour

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Jamie Waldhour, Alex Beaman, Nellie Myers

**VISITING WITH US TODAY?**

We want to know! Scan this QR CODE:



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# LINK

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## Many, Many Thanks...

Thanks to the many families who have restocked our Lord's Pantry. During the month of November the Preschool has collected canned goods and we provided many boxes of food to persons in this holiday season.

We also want to thank the Fairhope Quilters Guild for bringing food every month in order to help us meet the needs of the church and community.

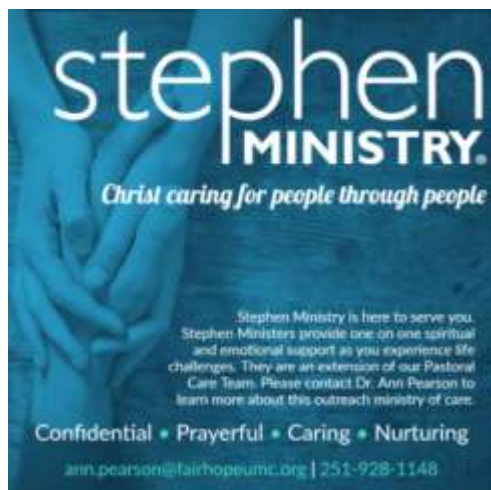
## Community Support Group Meetings this week....

**Grief Support** meets every Monday at 3:00 pm in B-114

**Survivors of Suicide (SOS)** meets Monday, December 28 at 6:30 pm B-114.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
 Serve the LORD with gladness!  
 Come into his presence with singing!  
 Know that the LORD, he is God!  
 It is he who made us, and we are his;  
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
 and his courts with praise!  
 Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
 For the LORD is good;  
 his steadfast love endures forever,  
 and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100



## *Stephen Ministry is here to serve you.*

Stephen Ministers provide one on one spiritual and emotional support as you experience life challenges.

They are an extension of our Pastoral Care Team.

Please contact Dr. Ann Pearson to learn more about this outreach ministry of care available for you or your loved ones, [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org) or 251-928-1148.





## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**LIGHTHOUSE KIDS' CHOIR (K-6<sup>th</sup> grades), Ed. Bldg – Wesley Hall**

**Wednesdays, 4:15-5:00pm**

**Register at <https://linktr.ee/pierkids>**

Join us as we worship and praise God through music and the arts. Our Kids' Choir performs multiple times throughout the year during Sunday services, special programs, and musical presentations. Mark your calendars! Christmas musical, "Starry Night, Noisy Night" performed on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

**SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS, (ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grades), Ed. Bldg, Pier Hallway**

**Sundays, 9:45-10:40am**

Join us during the Sunday School hour for an age appropriate, hands-on Bible lesson.

3s & 4s – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room B 107

Kindergarten– Yellow Room

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Green Room

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grades – Aqua Room

SWIFT – Purple Room

**\*\*color rooms are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor on the Pier Hallway\*\***

**KIDS CHURCH, (ages 4 and above), Ed. Bldg – Pier Room**

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month during 11am services**

Children ages 4 and above are invited to join us after being dismissed during services for a video lesson and activities in the Pier Room.

## STAY INFORMED

**Facebook Page – @pierkidsfairhopeumc**

**Facebook Group – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fairhopeumckids>**

**Instagram - @fairhopeumc\_childrens\_min**



Scan the code or **CLICK HERE** to visit our **LINKTREE**

that contains links to the most current information! Forms, Pier Kids, SWIFT, Kid's Choir registrations, and more.

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES


# SWIFT MISSION NIGHT

WHERE: FAIRHOPE WALMART  
WHEN: WEDS. NOV 30TH @ 6:00PM  
WHAT: ANGEL TREE SHOPPING  
DONATIONS APPRECIATED. BUT  
NOT REQUIRED!  
WHO: 5TH & 6TH GRADERS

A festive illustration featuring a green Christmas tree decorated with red and white ornaments and lights. At its base and scattered around are several wrapped gifts in various colors and patterns, including red, yellow, and blue.

PIER KIDS,  
join us  
for a...

Weds,  
Nov 30th  
6-7:30pm  
Wesley Hall

A cartoon illustration of two reindeer heads with red antlers and pink noses. They are wearing white pajamas with red polka dots and red socks with white polka dots.

# Popcorn & Pajamas Christmas Party!

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

# Breakfast at the Manger

A white silhouette illustration of a nativity scene on a red background. It shows Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus in a manger, a camel, a donkey, and sheep under a starry night sky with palm trees in the background.

FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**\$5 Pancake Breakfast**  
Games  
Inflatables  
Cookie  
Decorating  
&  
SANTA!

Saturday, Dec 3rd  
8:30am-10:30am  
Christian Life Center

155 S. Section Street • [www.FairhopeUMC.org](http://www.FairhopeUMC.org)

# A Starry, Noisy Night

Children's Christmas Musical  
4:00pm, Sanctuary  
Sunday, December 4th

A colorful illustration of a nativity scene. Mary is in a blue robe, Joseph in a red robe, and the baby Jesus is in a manger. There are two kings, a camel, a donkey, a cow, and sheep. The background is a dark blue night sky with stars and a full moon.



## Searching for some little sheep & a few big shepherds for a LIVE NATIVITY!

When: Dec. 11th, 5-7pm

Where: Beach Park by the Pier

Who: Sheep - Kids, Shepherds - Adults/Youth

Visit Pier Kids Linktree to sign up.

[linktr.ee/pierkids](https://linktr.ee/pierkids)



## Save the date!

## WINTER RETREAT 2023



**February 3rd-5th, 2023**

**3rd-6th grades**

**information and registration coming soon!**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

\$135/per camper + bus fee.

Scholarships available.

Link is posted to our linktree.



# Student Ministry

Middle School  
(7th & 8th grade)  
High School  
(9th-12th grade)



*\*Register for all S.A.L.T. Student Ministry programs through our Linktre. For more information on Student Ministry, subscribe to our weekly text messages by clicking the link above.*

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## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday's @ 9:45-10:40 am  
CLC// 2nd Floor (Attic)

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## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

**Weekly//CLC @ 6:00-8:00pm**

Sunday Night Youth takes place almost every week and includes: worship, games, free time in the gym, snack 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! Download the PARENT CUE in our series email for all details on how to continue the conversation at home.

## C-GROUP EL MEX NIGHT

**Wednesday, Nov. 30 @ 6:00-7:30pm**

**BRING \$10 (Buffet)**

Our C-Groups will meet for the annual EL MEX night in Fairhope on Wednesday, November 30 @ 6:00 pm. Students will need to bring \$10 cash for their meal and tip. There will be a buffet provided for the meal that has a little bit of all the student favorites for the meal! We look forward to our end of the year celebration!



## ENCOUNTER WINTER RETREATS 2023

**High School Retreat (9-12)**

**1/6 @ 5pm-1/7 @ 5pm**

**Middle School Retreat (7-8)**

**1/7 @ 5pm-1/8 @ 5pm**

Don't miss out middle & high School winter retreat, **ENCOUNTER 2023!** Two different retreats-same weekend-same place! We will host both retreats back-to-back at Camp Beckwith this January 6-8. Our worship for the retreat will be led by John Matheou & Port City Worship Team. Registration is LIVE!



## ANGEL TREE SHOPPING

**Wednesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00-7:30pm**

**(Grade Level C-Groups)**

Community groups will go Angel Tree Shopping at Target in Daphne on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm. We ask that every student bring \$10 cash to help pay for the Angels. Parents will drop-off and pick up students at the front door of Target. Shopping should take 45 minutes to an hour in length. Thank you in advance for your flexibility and help in getting your students to Target!

## CONFIRMATION 2023

**Begins for Students on**

**January 22nd//9:30 am**

Registration for our upcoming Confirmation Class has been emailed to parents of current 7th graders and is now open. The class begins on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 9:30 am. The Parent (only) Orientation will be January 8 @ 12:30 pm an in the Fellowship Hall. Please click the registration link in your email and or on our social media account to register. Class will meet at 9:30 am each week. *Students are encouraged to participate in the ENCOUNTER WEEKEND retreat on January, 7-8 at Camp Beckwith.*







## **FUMC College Scholarship Application Due Sunday, January 15, 2023**

Fairhope UMC is privileged to administer scholarships to help prepare leaders for the church, community, and world. These scholarships are awarded to church members whose character and accomplishments make them worthy representatives of FUMC and the individuals whom these grants honor. Scholarships are awarded to students who are actively involved with Fairhope United Methodist Church.

Some scholarships are awarded to an applicant who is preparing for ordained ministry, attending a Methodist college, or pursuing a church related vocation; need based; or other criteria. Numbers and amounts of scholarships will depend on annual availability of funds. This is the time to apply for these scholarships for the 2023-24 academic year. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2023. The scholarships are awarded in February. This will position the scholarship winner to apply for matching funds offered through the Methodist conference and by many colleges.

To apply, go to the student ministry page of our church website or scan the student ministry code above for a direct link. Other inquiries regarding scholarships may be made to committee via [scholarships@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:scholarships@fairhopeumc.org).

## **SAVE THE DATES FOR: SUMMER MISSIONS** (7th-12th grade)

High School Mission Trip  
July 2-8, 2023  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Middle School Mission Trip  
Hurricane Ian Relief  
June 18-22, 2023



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