

The Children's Christmas Musical is TONIGHT!

Please join us for this special performance.
4:00 pm | Sanctuary



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FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022 ~ 8:30 and 11:00 am

PRELUDE *What Child Is This?* (arr. Trio West)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

INTROIT *Now the Silence* (arr. Moglebust)
Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Though the darkness seems so deep, do not fear. God is with us. Repent! Turn your lives to God. God's love is being poured out for you, always. AMEN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

John & Kim Estes (8:30 am) ~ Joe, Jennifer, Cole & Evan Jones (11:00 am)

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Congregational Response: Hymn #206, *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (verse 2)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN OF PRAISE #203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

11:00 BAPTISM

Whittaker Keith Kuglar
Son of Christy & Chris Kuglar

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

The King Shall Come

(by Moglebust)

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your word, Holy God, was written for our instruction.

By your Holy Spirit open our ears and fill us with the mysteries of your ancient love;
through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

PSALTER #795

Psalms 72

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 15:4-13

SERMON

"I Hope You Will Come to the Table"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD/GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN #547

O Church of God, United

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

(arr. Trio West)

✠ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Steve Pearson

Acolytes: (8:30) Darby Butler, Caroline Montgomery | (11:00) Adelaide Robertson, Nicholas Goleash

Crucifer: Emma Claire Furlong

Communion Servers: (8:30) Michelle & Bruce Graham, Robin & James Bucholz

(11:00) Hackett & Katie Roberston, Robyn & Scott Koser

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel & Handbell Choirs

Media and Sound: Colin Richardson, Wright Tapscott

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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.



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OPENING SONG

House of the Lord

Shea White, Praise Team

WELCOME ~ CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

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The Fargason Family: Baxter, Regan, Bax & Warren

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

RESPONSE *Light of the World (chorus)*

SINGING OUR PRAISES

Hark! The Harold Angels Sing

Glory

Winter Snow

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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

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Peace

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Caring Ministries



The Durable Medical Loan Closet continues to meet the needs of our community. Every week requests come in for assistance with needing used medical equipment. Our team takes great pride in responding to those requests in a timely manner. We are so thankful for the many donations that we receive to keep our inventory well stocked. This is a wonderful outreach ministry. Contact the church office 251-928-1148 if you have a need or would like to donate.

Support Group Meeting this week:

Caregivers Support Group, Tuesday, December 6 at 9:30 am in the Church Library. We are happy to provide a zoom option if needed.

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MINISTRY®
Christ caring for people through people

Stephen Ministry is here to serve you.

Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one ministry where our trained lay caring ministers come alongside people in challenging situations. If you need a Christian sounding board contact Dr. Ann Pearson at 251-928-1148 or email her at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

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WEEKLY PROGRAMS

LIGHTHOUSE KIDS' CHOIR (K-6th 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 4th at 4pm.**

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS, (ages 3-6th 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 – 1st Floor, Room B 107

Kindergarten– Yellow Room

1st/2nd Grade – Green Room

3rd/4th Grades – Aqua Room

SWIFT – Purple Room

color rooms are located on the 2nd floor on the Pier Hallway

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

2nd, 3rd, 4th 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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JOIN US THIS EVENING...



LITTLE SHEEP & BIG SHEPHERDS NEEDED!

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



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 Linktree. For more information on Student Ministry, subscribe to our weekly text messages by scanning the link above.*

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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.



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 7th @ 6:00-7:30pm
(Grade Level C-Groups)

Community groups will go Angel Tree Shopping at Target in Daphne on Wednesday, December 7th @ 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 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.*

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SUMMER

HIGH
SCHOOL
JULY
2-8TH

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP
JULY 2-8, 2023
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

MISSIONS

MIDDLE
SCHOOL
JUNE
18-22ND

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP
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HURRICANE IAN RELIEF



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 UMC.

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

HAVE YOU HEARD?



SHELBYNEXT is our online portal for church members, which provides you with secure access to the church directory, your personal contribution history, and the ability to view events on the church calendar. The ShelbyNext Portal also allows you to update your information and connect with other members.



BENEFITS OF THE NEW APP:



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ACCESS THE CHURCH CALENDAR, CHECK-IN FEATURES & MORE!



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For the past several months our staff and a small group of leaders have been putting our Church App powered by **ShelbyNext** to the test. We have been using our online church directory, online giving portal, group features such as attendance, child check-in and mass contact options, and more.

The **ShelbyNext** Portal will be used exclusively by church members who have a valid email address that matches the one in our database. Rest assured that your personal data is secure. The only information that is shared between members is your immediate contact information (ie. Name, Email, Phone Number) and you can set restrictions on what you would like viewed as well. The roll out of the new church directory app powered by **ShelbyNext** provides our congregation with a tool to effectively connect with one another while connecting, as a community, with God and the mission and ministries He has called us to take part in. Before we launch, make sure we have your correct email address in the database. **Let's Stay Connected!**

If you have any questions, please contact Bobbi Hobbs, **Communications Coordinator**, bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org or 251-928-1148