

Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2021

3:00, 5:00, & 8:00 pm

PRELUDE

3:00 & 5:00 *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* (arr. Martin)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not be afraid; for see
I am bringing you good news of great joy.
**To us is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.**

This will be a sign for you:
you will find a child wrapped in cloth
and lying in a manger.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace!**

Let us go now to Bethlehem.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

3:00 Alan, Brittney, Thomas, Leighton, Ellis Ann & Henry
Allgood

5:00 Troy, Taylor, Jackson & Ellie Strunk

8:00 Evan, Jennifer, Carson, Harper, Reece & Sage Myrick

✠CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #234 (UMH)
(8:00) *Away in A Manger* #217 (UMH)

READING Isaiah 9:2-7
Christ's birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah

CAROL *Angels We Have Heard on High* #238 (UMH)
(8:00) *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #230 (UMH)

READING Psalm 96 p. 815 (UMH)
The Lord comes, the Lord comes, and all creation sings for joy.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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3:00 *Once in Royal David's City* (Colin Richardson)

5:00 *O Holy Night* (Hayes), FUMC Choir

8:00 *What Child Is This* (Traditional)

Campbell and Mitch Johnston

✠GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-20
Luke tells of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem

CAROL 3:00 *Away In A Manger* #217 (UMH)
5:00 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #217 (UMH)
8:00 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (Vs 1,2 and 4)* #218 (UMH)

READING Titus 2:11-14
A call to faithful waiting as the people of God

MESSAGE "Those, Then and Now *This!*" Darren M. McClellan

SPECIAL MUSIC 3:00 *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*
Dominic Luthje ~ English Horn
5:00 *Away In A Manger* (arr. Martin), John Richardson
8:00 *Go Tell It On The Mountain*, Mitch Johnston

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Great and glorious God,
through Jesus Christ our Savior you have shown us
that the blessed age of grace has appeared
and the hoped-for time of salvation has come.
Yet we cling to the glories of the present age –
worldly passions and impious pursuits,
self-indulgent, crooked, and ungodly ways.
Redeem us from evil and cleanse us from sin,
through Christ, who gave himself for us,
so that we might be your people, holy and whole. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so,
With your people on earth
And all the company of heaven
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

And so,
In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you are directed down the center aisle, you are invited to receive the bread as it is presented at the altar, receive the cup, then eat and drink in remembrance of Christ.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

As a matter of precaution, participants are advised not to tip a lighted candle. If you have the light, let those who are wise come to you.

✠CAROL *Silent Night, Holy Night* 239 (UMH)
Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

✦BENEDICTION

Please extinguish candles before leaving the pews. Candles will be collected at the exits for the next service.

✦POSTLUDE

3:00 & 5:00 Organ Improvisation on Joy to the World

Assisting in Worship

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Senior Pastor
Rev. Antonio Christie, Associate Minister
Tom Hood, Music Director
John Richardson, Accompanist (3:00, 5:00)
Mitch Johnston, Accompanist (8:00)
Natalie Woodrow, Flute
Dominic Luthje, English Horn

Acolytes and Crucifers

Savannah Grace Jones, Arabella Rowland, Acolytes (3:00)
Hackett Robertson, Crucifer (3:00)
Jackson Strunk, Ellie Strunk, Acolytes (5:00)
Shelby Semmes, Crucifer (5:00)
Carson Myrick, Harper Myrick, Acolytes (8:00)
Max McClellan, Crucifer (8:00)

Communion Servers

Elizabeth & Paul Jones, Katherine & Matt Goldman (3:00)
Michelle & Bethany Graham, Rosemary & Dody Rhodes (5:00)
Kim and John Estes (8:00)

COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

Those interested in knowing more about the church are invited to Coffee with the Pastors on Sunday, January 9th at 9:45 am in the CLC Fellowship Hall.

EMBRACING ALABAMA KIDS WHITE CHRISTMAS

Celebrating 130+ Years of Homes, Healing and Hope.

During the month of December, congregations in our Annual Conference are called to take up a special offering for the work of the UM Children's Home. Your contributions to this organization touch the lives of children who are dealing with the loss of their parents or suffering from neglect or abuse. May you open your hearts and give generously to this wonderful ministry of the United Methodist Church.

YEAR END GIVING NOTE:

According to the IRS, all contributions for 2021 must be received by 2 pm on December 31 in the church office or postmarked by that date if mailed.

FAIRHOPE UMC SCHOLARSHIPS

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 2022-23 academic year. 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. The scholarship application is now available on the youth page of our church website. The deadline for applications is January 16, 2022.



December 26, 2021

8:30am Sanctuary Traditional Service
& 11:00am
(Combined worship in the CLC)
Sunday School will not be meeting.

*December 27 and 28, 2021
and January 3, 2022*

Church Office will be closed

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Senior Pastor

Rev. Laura Parker, Minister of Discipleship

Rev. Antonio Christie, Minister of Outreach

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

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