



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

✠please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

*Meditation on
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

CRAIG PENFIELD

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 65

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

✠ HYMN

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

BABY RECOGNITION (11:00)

OFFERTORY

My Jesus I Love Thee

I JAMES

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S

I Give Thanks

CHOIR (11:00)

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HYMN

Hymn of Promise

UMH 707

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour out upon us your Spirit, O God, that we might hear your word and your wisdom draw us closer to you. Through Christ, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.

✠ SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:17-25

SERMON

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✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

✠ HYMN

*God Who Stretched the
Spangled Heavens*

UMH 150

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS (8:30)

KELLY & PATRICK BEARDEN

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is our God

J.C.H. RINCK

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Mary Finger, Emily Garner,
Mary & John Hodgkins

11:00

Amy O'Rear

ACOLYTES:

8:30 Evans Brasfield,
Juliette Jones

GREETER:

(8:30) Meri Catherine & Jason Brasfield

PREACHER:

Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

LITURGIST

Katie Turner

STEPHEN MINISTERS:

(8:30) Penn White

(11:00) Shirley Ryals

USHER:

Head Usher, Mark Woodrow
(8:30) Susan Varner

MUSIC

Chancel Choir
Director, Tom Hood
Accompanist, John Richardson
Lighthouse Children's Choir

MEDIA:

Colin Richardson
Hackett Robertson

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THE GATHERING

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NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

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Preaching: Rev. Michael Precht

Liturgist: Miles Barnhardt

Communion Servers: Mary & Noah Funderburg, Jennifer Galloway, Emily Garner

Greeter: Emily Garner

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Cole Jones, Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour

Stephen Minister: Dr. Ann Pearson

Ushers: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Scarce, Phil Webb

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the Christian year, lasting until All Saints' Day on November 1, and then continuing until the final Sunday of the Christian year: Christ the King Sunday. This season is called "ordinary" time, not because it is dull or plain, but because this is the season for remembering how the resurrection and reign of Jesus bring a new "order" to our lives and the world.*

OPENING SONG

Rise Up

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 65

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Build My Life

So Will I

Do it Again

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