



EPIPHANY SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM  
✖please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

*How Lovely Shines the  
Morning Star*

PAUL MANZ

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

MATTHEW 11

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,

**and I will give you rest.**

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,

**for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls.**

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

**We come to Jesus, who welcomes the weary and offers rest for our souls.**

✖ HYMN

*Guide Me, O Thou  
Great Jehovah*

UMH 127

✖ APOSTLES' CREED

UMH 881

✖ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY

*Three Kings In Splendor*

WAGNER

✖ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

*Children's Church will not be held today. On the first Sunday of each month, children stay for the entire service so they can worship and receive Holy Communion with their families. Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger in the Education Building.*

HYMN

*Spirit of the Living God*

UMH 393

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### ✖ SCRIPTURE

*Proverbs 4:5-9*

### SERMON

*Downloading the Latest Wisdom*

### CONFSSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

### ✖ PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

### ✖ HYMN

*Christ, Whose Glory*

UMH 173

*Fills the Skies*

### ✖ BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*How Brightly Shines the  
Morning Star*

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Rosie & Mike Lockwood,

Dr. Ann Pearson, Rev. Thomas Yow

11:00

### PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht

### USHER:

Head Usher, Mark Woodrow

### ACOLYTES:

11:00

Bennett Harrison

### LITURGIST

Dr. Ann Pearson

### MUSIC

Chancel Choir

Director, Tom Hood

Accompanist, John Richardson

### STEPHEN MINISTERS:

(8:30) Robyn Simons

(11:00) Shirley Ryals

### MEDIA:

Colin Richardson

## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Sunday Schools  
11:00am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Gathering Worship  
2:00pm Discovery Drama Team

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5

9:15am Walk & Talk with Jesus  
10:00am Knit & Crochet for a Purpose  
3:00pm Grief Support Group  
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

9:30 Caregiver's Support Group  
6:00pm Handbell Choir

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry  
1:30pm Dr. Ann's Drop in Bible Study

5:45pm Rita Sweat Speaks

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Sunday Schools  
9:45am Coffee with the Pastors  
11:00am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Gathering Worship  
2:00pm Discovery Drama Team  
2:00pm District Conference

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Rita Sweatt Speaks | January 7<sup>th</sup>

Rita Sweatt brings the Book of Ruth to life in a moving dramatic monologue. This timeless story highlights Ruth's perseverance and God's enduring faithfulness. The event will be held at 5:45 pm in the CLC Fellowship Hall. Register today using the bulletin QR Code or church website.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Elementary Retreat at Blue Lake | Register by Jan. 5

3rd-6th graders are invited to a weekend at Blue Lake, *January 30-February 1*! Register using the bulletin QR code. For more info: Jenna Hood, [jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org)

### Discovery Weekend | January 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>

Discovery Weekend is a spiritual retreat that helps middle schoolers experience God's love in a fun and meaningful way. This church-wide event relies on many hands. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Miles([students@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:students@fairhopeumc.org))!

### College Scholarship Deadline | January 11<sup>th</sup>

Please have your application for the 2026 school year submitted by January 11<sup>th</sup>. For additional information email [scholarships@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:scholarships@fairhopeumc.org)

### District Conference | January 11<sup>th</sup>

FUMC will be hosting the annual gathering of the Southwest District, led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Sheila Bates. This gathering will bring together clergy and laity from across southwestern Alabama for a time of worship, training, and exciting announcements about the shared missions and ministries of the churches in our area.

### Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event | January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

FUMC is partnering with Rise Against Hunger alongside Trinity Presbyterian and local Rotary Clubs to pack 50,000 meals for those facing food insecurity worldwide. Join us from 9am-2pm at the Fairhope Rotary Youth Club (19128 Young St.) to pack meals, or donate via the QR code. All ages are welcome! Each meal costs just \$0.40. For more information, contact [Jennifer Myrick](mailto:Jennifer.Myrick@fairhopeumc.org) [missions@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:missions@fairhopeumc.org)

### LifeSouth Blood Drive | January 25<sup>th</sup>

Join us anytime from 8-11am for an on-campus blood drive with the donation truck parked in the back parking lot. Your donation helps save lives—thank you for supporting this vital ministry.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEDICAL PERSONNEL | FIRST RESPONDERS | MILITARY PERSONNEL

**HOSPITALIZED:**

Joe Adcock

**SYMPATHY:**

Sandra Bishop in the loss of her husband; Mona and Danny Barfield in the loss of her father; and Terri and Ross Bishop in the loss of his father, Clarence Bishop.

**Monthly Finance Report:** Through October, income and expenses remain on track with our 2025 budget. We anticipate ending the year with a small increase in reserves.

If you would like more information about church membership, contact one of our pastors or attend **Coffee with the Pastors on January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45AM in the Christian Life Center Parlor.** Look for directional signs on Sunday morning.

**ONE LINK. ALL THE INFO.** Want to sign up? Volunteer? Register your kids? RSVP for an event? Scan the QR code to access all of Fairhope UMC's resources in one place! Stay in the loop...**SCAN NOW!**



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DR. KRISTEN CURTIS WRIGHT, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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