



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 16, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

✠ please stand as you are able

✠ PRELUDE *Trio* (JOHANN LUDWIG KREBS)

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALTER ~ PSALM 1 UMH 738

✠ HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY *Total Praise* (RANEY)

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11 AM)

Children 4 years old and up can meet at the side door for Children's Church. They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the Pier Room upstairs in the Education Building.

HYMN *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* UMH 163

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By the power of the Holy Spirit, speak your Word though the words of scripture, that we may live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

✠ SCRIPTURE *Luke 6:17-26*

SERMON *The Stump Speech, Part 1*

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Our faith is not in vain! Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

✘ PASSING OF THE PEACE		
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		UMH 13
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER		
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP		
✘ HYMN	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	UMH 157
✘ BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>Allegro</i>	(JC KITTEL)

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

<p>Communion Servers: 8:30 <i>Suzan & Steve Christensen</i> <i>Emily Garner</i> <i>Dana Whitfield</i></p> <p>11:00 <i>Bonnie Northcutt</i></p>	<p>Preacher: Rev. Laura Parker</p> <p>Acolyte: 11:00 Waverly Watkins</p> <p>Liturgist: Emily Garner</p> <p>Usher: Mark Woodrow</p>	<p>Chancel Choir Director, Tom Hood</p> <p>Organ and Piano John Richardson</p> <p>Media: 8:30 Colin Richardson 11:00 Toby Monckton</p>
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9:30am Confirmation Class
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

10:00am Knit and Crochet
10:00am Caring Min. Birthday
3:00pm Grief Support Group
6:00pm Stephen Min. Supervision
6:00pm SPRC Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:30am Men's Ministry Breakfast
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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FUMC Methodist Men's Ministry Breakfast

Wednesday, February 19th, 6:30am in Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Rev. Joe Bullington
Observations on Israel/Palestine

WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENU ~ FEBRUARY 19

Charleston Curry Chicken & Wild Rice

Seasoned Green Beans

Dinner Rolls

Banana Pudding

Go online or call the church office to make your reservation 251-928-1148.

Jazz Sunday

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TJ's Food Ministry

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THE GATHERING

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*

FEBRUARY 16, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Michael Precht

Acolytes: Olivia Boward, Peyton Boward

Media and Sound: Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour, Nellie Meyers

Communion Servers: Sidney Carol & Miles Barnhardt, Shelly Fitzhugh, Jennifer Galloway, Meg Galloway, Emily & Doug Garner

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The third season of the Christian year, "Ordinary Time," is devoted to Jesus' preaching and healing ministry. It is a time to meditate on God's will for the order of things — God's "ordinary" is extraordinary to us!*

OPENING SONG *Build Your Kingdom Here*

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 1*

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Do Something

Less Like Me

Give Me Your Eyes

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THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP[†]

BENEDICTION

[†]You do not have to be a member of this church, or of any, to receive from Christ's table. We welcome all who desire to meet Christ in this meal where he has promised to meet us.

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