



# THE GATHERING

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT \*

FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2026 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Preaching:** Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

**Liturgists:** Miles Barnhardt

**Communion Servers:** Anne & Lane Dorman, Emily & Doug Garner

**Music:** Shea White and Praise Band

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

**Stephen Minister:** Kathy Ellis

**Ushers:** Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Scarce, Phil Webb

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*\*Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The season of Lent is a period of 40 days, inspired by Jesus' 40 days of temptation in the wilderness. In this season of prayer, fasting, and charity, we turn our attention to Jesus' sacrifice for us*

OPENING SONG

*Glorious Day*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 130

SINGING OUR PRAISE

*We Praise You*

*House of the Lord*

*Come As You Are*

*Lead Me to the Cross*

*Children who are 5 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade 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.  
Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger in the Education Building.*

SCRIPTURE

*2 Chronicles 6:17-21, 32-33*

SERMON

*A Place of Welcome*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Hospitable God, we confess that we too often forget that your house was meant to be a place of welcome for all peoples. We guard what is familiar, overlook the stranger, and fail to see how our shared spaces can speak your grace when our words fall short. Forgive us, and teach us again to tend your gifts so that all who pass by might glimpse your goodness and call upon your name.

Hear the good news: God's mercy extends farther than our fear, and God's welcome is wider than our walls. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

BENEDICTION

## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Sunday Schools  
11:00am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Gathering Worship  
5:00pm Youth Fourth Sunday

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:15am Walk & Talk with Jesus  
10:00am Knit & Crochet for a Purpose  
3:00pm Grief Support Group  
6:30pm Survivors of Suicide Support Group

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00am Youth Breakfast Club  
9:30am Fruit of the Spirit Study  
12:30pm Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group  
5:30pm Handbell Choir

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry  
1:30pm Dr. Ann's Drop-in Bible Study  
4:15pm Lighthouse Children's Choir  
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:00pm Rev. Precht's Drop-In Bible Study  
6:00pm Chancel Choir Practice  
6:00pm SALT Student Ministry  
6:00pm Pier Kids & Swift Ministry

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

11:00am-1pm Community Café

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Sunday Schools  
11:00am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Gathering Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENU ~ FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>

**LEMON CHICKEN PICCATA, MASHED POTATOES,  
BROCCOLI SALAD, ROLLS, MIXED BERRY TRIFLE**

**Kids: Popcorn Chicken, Mac-N-Cheese, Fruit, Cookies**

Go online or call the church office to make your reservation!

### EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

**8:00am, 9:30am, & 11:00am Traditional  
11:00 Gathering**

### Church-Wide Work Day | March 1<sup>st</sup> 1:00-5:00pm

Volunteers please come join in the fun!

Meet in the Breezeway. Projects include: washing windows in Education building & light tree trimming. Sign up to let us know you will be there! Use the QR code to find the sign up, or call the church office 251-928-1148.

### Baby Shower Honoring Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright | March 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm

We're thrilled to share the joyful news that our beloved Associate Pastor, Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright, and her family—Rev. Micah Wright and daughter Callie—are expecting a new little one! The SPRC invites the Fairhope UMC family to join us in celebrating this special season with the Wright family at a baby shower in their honor. Light refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome to bring a baby gift, gift card, or a card of encouragement—or simply come share your love, joy, and presence as we celebrate together.

### Easter Family Celebration | March 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00pm

Join for an evening off egg-citement, games, and hidden surprises. Dinner served at 5pm, activities and egg-hunt start at 6:00pm. All are welcome!

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FAIRHOPE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST | NON-PROFITS | STATE LEADERS

## HOSPITALIZED

Mady Allman, Barbara Davis, John Ryan Jones

**Monthly Finance Report:** Giving for 2025 came in just shy of our anticipated budget. but about \$15,000 ahead of our expenses, creating for a net surplus for the year. In addition, we received our Employee Retention Credit from the IRS, creating a \$400,000+ total surplus for the year. This allows us to plan for some overdue facility maintenance, includnig phase two of sealing our brick and masonry. We are still reconciling our expenses from January; giving for the month was about \$6,000 short of January expectation.

If you would like more information about church membership, contact one of our pastors or attend **Coffee with the Pastors on February 8<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!**



**“LOVE BOLDLY, CASTING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD”**

REV. MICHAEL PRECHT, SENIOR PASTOR  
DR. KRISTEN CURTIS WRIGHT, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

REV. SHEILA BATES, SOUTHWEST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT  
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