



# THE GATHERING

PALM SUNDAY\*

MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Preaching:** Rev. Michael Precht

**Liturgists:** Miles Barnhardt

**Acolyte:** Lincoln Bills

**Communion Servers:** Allison Floyd, Emily & Doug Garner, Marie Green

**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

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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 *Flawless*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SINGING OUR PRAISE

*Hosanna*

*King of Kings*

*Holy Forever*

*Lead Me to the Cross*

*Children who are in kindergarten 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.*

PILGRIMAGE - A VIDEO INVITATION

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 21:1-11*

SERMON *A Parade on the Narrow Way*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we join the crowds in shouting *Hosanna*, yet too often turn away when following Jesus becomes difficult. We celebrate your coming with our lips, while our lives resist the costly way of love and obedience. Forgive us, and lead us again in the way of humility, faithfulness, and peace.

Hear the good news: Christ comes not to condemn, but to save. 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, MARCH 29

#### PALM SUNDAY

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Sunday Schools  
11:00am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Gathering Worship  
5:00pm Board of Stewards  
5:00pm Youth 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

### MONDAY, MARCH 30

9:15am Walk & Talk with Jesus  
10:00am Knit & Crochet  
10:30am-12pm Worship Planning  
3:00pm Grief Support Group  
6:30pm The Way

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

7:00am Youth Breakfast Club  
5:15pm Children's Ministry  
Interviews

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry  
1:30pm Dr. Ann's Drop-in Bible  
Study  
4:15pm Lighthouse Children's  
Choir  
6:00pm Chancel Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry  
6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

9:30am Reservation Nursery  
11:00am Community Café  
6:30pm Cross Walk

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

#### EASTER SUNDAY

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 1<sup>st</sup>-No Wednesday Supper,  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>- Maundy Thursday Service 6:00pm,  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>-Good Friday Cross Walk 6:30pm

### Vacation Bible School Registration | April 1<sup>st</sup>

Get ready for a fun and faith-filled week of VBS, June 1-5! Open registration begins April 1<sup>st</sup>, with early registration available for those planning to volunteer. To learn more email [martha.monckton@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:martha.monckton@fairhopeumc.org) or [jillmcjohnston@gmail.com](mailto:jillmcjohnston@gmail.com).

### Youth Egg Drop | April 4<sup>th</sup>

Support Youth Missions this Easter with our Easter Egg Drop! Our Youth will deliver and hide candy-filled eggs in your yard the night before Easter. Sign up using the QR code and let us make Easter morning easy and fun!

### Ways to Pray | Wednesdays, Starting April 8, 6-7:15pm

Just as we vary the ways we talk with and listen to our spouse, children, parents or friends, there are many ways to converse with God! Join Rev. Cathi Parish as she walks us through a variety of ways to pray. There is no book to purchase but registration is required and class size is limited.

### Blue Lake Summer Camp | Early Registration Ends April

1<sup>st</sup>. Camp registration is open for children in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades. Join us for Camp X on July 6-10. Registration deadline June 29<sup>th</sup>, Early Registration Discount ends April 1<sup>st</sup>. Use QR code to book now!

### Children's Ministries Takeover | April 26

Join us for a special service in the Gathering led by our Children's Ministry! Our kids will take the spotlight as they present a joyful and faith-filled musical, "*Chicken of Little Faith*." You won't want to miss this heartwarming (and fun!) reminder of trusting God in all things.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADERS | FUMC PRESCHOOL | WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

## HOSPITALIZED

Daryl Wasp

## SYMPATHY

Liz Lowell in the loss of her father, Michael Misch.

**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, including 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 April 12<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  
BISHOP L. JONATHAN HOLSTON, ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE