



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 31ST, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM
✠ please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Prelude in E Flat, Op. 41, No. 1* ALEXANDRE GUILMANT

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 146

Blessed are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them.

The Lord executes justice for the oppressed,

Gives food to the hungry and sets the prisoners free.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those bowed down.

Come, let us worship the God who lifts the lowly and calls us to serve!

✠ HYMN *All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King* UMH 166

✠ APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY

Just As I Am

BARTON

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S LESSON (11)

(11:00am) Children 5 years old through 6th (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.

HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds to your Word today. Teach us to listen with humility, receive your wisdom, and live in ways that reflect your love and generosity. **Amen.**

✠ SCRIPTURE *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

SERMON

Just Do It

CONFESSION AND PARDON

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Hear the good news: God lifts up the humble, fills the hungry, and blesses those who give without expecting in return. In Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be 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

Go, Make of All Disciples

UMH 571

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugato, Op. 55, No. 4

ALEXANDRE GUILMANT

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Mary Finger,
Phyllis & Craig Helms,
Dana Whitfield

11:00

Cheri & Jerry Forte,
Tom Hood,
Kimberly McKeough

STEPHEN MINISTERS:

8:30

Kurt Simons

11:00

Kathy Ellis

PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht

LITURGIST:

Katie Turner

USHERS:

Mark Woodrow

Greeter:

8:30

Mary Finger

MUSIC

Chancel Choir
Director, Tom Hood
Accompanist,
John Richardson

MEDIA:

Colin Richardson
Hackett Robertson

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of my precious and sweet mama, Wanda Winfree, in celebration of her birthday with love from Bobbi Jo Hobbs.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Office Closed-Labor Day Holiday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:30am Caregiver's Support Group

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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First Meeting
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11:00am-1pm Community Café

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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Drive
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HOSPITALIZED:

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SYMPATHY:

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THE GATHERING

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

AUGUST 31ST, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching: Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

Communion Servers: Logan, Sims, Tracy, & Silas Peters

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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

Stephen Minister: Kim Gibson

Greeters: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Searce, 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. It is known as "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

We Praise You

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 113

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Give Me Your Eyes

Hosanna

Goodness of God

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Turning the Tables

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