



Fairfield  
Presbyterian  
Church  
PCA

*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel...Romans 1:16*

# Celebration of Worship

November 24, 2024

## Prelude

*The Prelude is a time to begin transitioning from fellowshiping with our neighbors to preparing our hearts to worship God.*

*Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the service.*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Welcome to all our visitors. Please fill out the guest registration to let us know of your visit.*

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

### from Psalm 92

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**All:** *to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night*

Leader: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre

**All:** *For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

## \*Invocation and Adoration

*The invocation should acknowledge that our worship is in vain if it is not Spirit-inspired. Often, the invocation will also employ the language of adoration and praise, which is very fitting in light of the vertical, God-focused dimension of this prayer.*

*Now Thank We All Our God*

**Public Confession of Sin**

*ALL: Most Merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things we should have done. And we have done those things we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who repent, according to your promises declared to us in Your Holy Word. And grant, O merciful Lord, that we might hereafter live holy lives, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel**

*Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea. ~ Micah 7.18-20*

**Corporate Confession of Faith – Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.\* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* Indicates please stand if able.

\*Some versions of the Creed omit this phrase; it was inserted to affirm the reality of Christ's physical death;  
\*\*or universal; this phrase simply refers to the fact that the Church is made up of believers of all times in all nations.

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## PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE

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### Testimony of God's Work

### Prayers of God's People

*(The pastor will lead us in prayer, reading submitted praises and requests)*

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## ADORING GOD'S GLORY

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### Public Reading of Scripture

### Judges 3:7-11

*(Lectio Continua – the practice of reading Scripture in sequence)*

**Scripture Context:**

*After the people of Israel did what was evil, God judged them through the pagan nations. When they cry out for help, God sends them a deliverer.*

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And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. They forgot the LORD their God and served the Baals and the Asheroth.<sup>8</sup> Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia. And the people of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years.<sup>9</sup> But when the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the people of Israel, who saved them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.<sup>10</sup> The Spirit of the LORD was upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand. And his hand prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim.<sup>11</sup> So the land had rest forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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## **The Giving of First Fruits**

*Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. ~Proverbs 3:9-10*

## **The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

## **Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

### **\*Worship in Song**

#### ***Let All Things Now Living (125)***

##### Verse 1

Let all things now living  
A song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator  
Triumphantly raise  
Who fashioned and made us  
Protected and stayed us  
Who guides us and leads  
To the end of our days  
His banners are o'er us  
His light goes before us  
A pillar of fire  
Shining forth in the night  
Till shadows have vanished  
And darkness is banished  
As forward we travel  
From light into light

##### Verse 2

His law He enforces

\* Indicates please stand if able.

The stars in their courses  
The sun in His orbit obediently shine  
The hills and the mountains  
The rivers and fountains  
The deeps of the ocean  
Proclaim Him divine  
We too should be voicing  
Our love and rejoicing  
With glad adoration  
A song let us raise  
Till all things now living  
Unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest  
Hosanna and praise

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### ***My Heart Is Filled***

#### Verse 1

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who bore my pain  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me with His light  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
With pow'r upon my heart

#### Verse 2

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who walks beside  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength

And causes fears to fly  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace

Verse 3

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who reigns above  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace  
Whose every thought is love  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King  
So I will give my life my all  
To love and follow Him

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## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

**Sermon Text:**

**Psalms 138**

### Preaching of the Word

*Thankfulness for God's Favor*

**\*Closing Hymn**

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*My Tribute*

### **\*Benediction**

Just as God has the first word in worship, he also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

### **Postlude**

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Memory Verse of the Week:

**Psalm 107:8**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!

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