



Fairfield
Presbyterian
Church
PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

March 9, 2025

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

From Psalm 96:7-13

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

All: *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!*

Pastor: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!

All: *Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."*

Pastor: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

All: *Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.*

***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.

***Worship in Song**

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God, The Lord, A King Remaineth
(From Psalm 93)

Public Confession of Sin

All: *O Lord, we want to enter your presence, worshipping you face to face, awed by your majesty, greatness, and glory; yet encouraged by your love.*
There is a coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward you, and an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for you. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within us; in every thought, word, and deed.
Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to you, and always clings to the cross. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ Romans 5:1

Corporate Confession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

* Indicates please stand if able.

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.

*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.

PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Testimony of God's Work

Prayers of God's People

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

ADORING GOD'S GLORY

Public Reading of Scripture

Judges 7:9-18

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

Scripture Context

After God had reduced the size of Gideon's fighting force, God once again reassures Gideon of his certain victory by the power of God.

That same night the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hand."¹⁰ But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant.¹¹ And you shall hear what they say, and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp." Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outposts of the armed men who were

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in the camp.¹² And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the people of the East lay along the valley like locusts in abundance, and their camels were without number, as the sand that is on the seashore in abundance.¹³ When Gideon came, behold, a man was telling a dream to his comrade. And he said, "Behold, I dreamed a dream, and behold, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian and came to the tent and struck it so that it fell and turned it upside down, so that the tent lay flat."¹⁴ And his comrade answered, "This is no other than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given into his hand Midian and all the camp."¹⁵ As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshipped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Arise, for the LORD has given the host of Midian into your hand."¹⁶ And he divided the 300 men into three companies and put trumpets into the hands of all of them and empty jars, with torches inside the jars.¹⁷ And he said to them, "Look at me, and do likewise. When I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do."¹⁸ When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and shout, 'For the LORD and for Gideon.'"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: *Thanks be to God.*

The Giving of First Fruits

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;¹⁰ 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**

Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
(Repeat)**

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe

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Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus

***Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
(Repeat)***

Jesus Christ my living hope
God You are my living hope

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I Want To Know You

Verse 1

*I've tried in vain a thousand ways
My fears to quell my hopes to raise
But what I need your word has said
Is ever only Jesus*

Verse 2

*You died you live you reign you plead
There's love in all your words and deeds
This weary heart finds all it needs
In ever only Jesus*

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Chorus

***I want to know you Jesus my Lord
King of the Heavens king of my soul
I trade my treasure and all my rewards
Jesus to know you then know you more***

Verse 3

*Though some should curse me for your name
I have no fear I have no shame
You stand with me for all my days
My ever only Jesus*

Chorus

***I want to know you Jesus my Lord
King of the Heavens king of my soul
I trade my treasure and all my rewards
Jesus to know you then know you more***

Bridge (2x)

*Like wave after wave on the ocean
Like all of the sand on the shore
Your beauty and glory are endless
O Jesus I must know you more*

Chorus (2x)

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

John 1:19-28

Preaching of the Word

The Testimony of the Voice

*Closing Hymn

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Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*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.

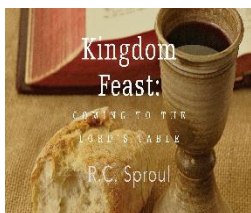
Postlude

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Memory Verse of the Week:

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Announcements



Our Wednesday night Bible study is a great time to gather midweek. We watch a series of videos by RC Sproul and his book entitled "Kingdom Feast: Coming to the Lord's Table". Following the video, we have an interactive time of discussion and prayer. Everyone is encouraged to attend! See Pastor Ralph for more info!

Join us... Next Sunday, Mar. 16th. Mike Marshall will be sharing a brief testimonial report on God's work with Gideon's International.

Reminder... Baby bottles are due for Safe Harbor on Sunday, March 30th. See insert for detailed information. For any additional questions please contact Robin Camp.

Discipleship Opportunity for church members who would be willing to help with an adult Sunday School for English learners on Sunday mornings (from 9:30-10:15). Please see Anna Coplin for more information.

All Fairfield Ladies are invited to a short meeting Sunday, March 16, immediately after worship. We need your input for upcoming activities.



Women's Bible Study will be meeting this Saturday, Mar 16th at 9:30 AM. See Linda Bauer for additional information.



Parents! Did you know that we offer a Catechism class for children? This program is available for children ages 4-12. This is a place where they can learn how to be a Covenant child of God, memorize scripture, and worship God through song. Class begins at 6 PM. See Robin LaGuardia for more details.



Men of Fairfield are encouraged to attend fellowship and study this Saturday, March 15th at 8 AM. It's not too late to sign up. See Pastor Ralph for more info!