



# Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

# Celebration of Worship

March 16, 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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 29

**Pastor:** Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People:** *Ascribe to the Lord glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.*

**Pastor:** The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

**People:** *The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.*

**Pastor:** The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

\* Indicates please stand if able.

**People:**            *The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.*

Pastor:            The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

**People:**            *The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"*

## **\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

*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.*

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

**Matthew 6:9-13**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **\*Worship in Song**

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### ***Wondrous King, All Glorious***

## **Public Confession of Sin**

**All:**    O Lord, I am deeply convinced of the evil and misery of my sinful condition, of the vanity of creatures, but also of the sufficiency of Christ. When You would guide me, I control myself. When You would be sovereign, I rule myself. When you would take care of me, I suffice myself. When I should depend on Your provision, I supply myself. When I should submit to Your providence, I follow my will. When I should study, love, honor and trust You, I serve myself. I fault and correct Your law to suit myself, and I am by nature an idolater. Take away my roving eye, curious ear, greedy appetite and lustful heart. Take away whatever keeps me

from loving You with all my heart, mind and strength; and forgive me for not loving my neighbor as I ought. Amen.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel**

*Christ Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. - 1 Peter 2:24*

### **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.

\*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**

### **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**

### **Public Reading of Scripture**

### **Judges 7:19-25**

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Scripture Context:

Gideon defeats the Midianites.

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So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch. And they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. <sup>20</sup> Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!" <sup>21</sup> Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled. <sup>22</sup> When they blew the 300 trumpets, the LORD set every man's sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah,<sup>1</sup> as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath. <sup>23</sup> And the men of Israel were called out from Naphtali and from Asher and from all Manasseh, and they pursued after Midian. <sup>24</sup> Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, "Come down against the Midianites and capture the waters against them, as far as Beth-barah, and also the Jordan." So all the men of Ephraim were called out, and they captured the waters as far as Beth-barah, and also the Jordan. <sup>25</sup> And they captured the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they killed at the winepress of Zeeb. Then they pursued Midian, and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon across the Jordan.

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;<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. ~Proverbs 3:9-10*

**\*The Gloria Patri**

**Tune: Regent Square**

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Glory be to God the Father; glory be to God the Son; glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be.

## **\*Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

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

#### **In Christ Alone**

##### **Verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

##### **Verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

##### **Verse 3**

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me

For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

**Verse 4**

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
/ No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand /

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***Lamb Of God***

Verse 1

Your only Son no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

Verse 2

Your gift of love they crucified  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

***Chorus***

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***Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God***

Verse 3

I was so lost I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God

***Chorus***

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***(You may be seated)***

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## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

### **Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon Text:**

**John 1:29-34**

### **Preaching of the Word**

***Behold the Lamb***

**\*Closing Hymn**

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***Not All the Blood of Beasts***

### **\*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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# Announcements



**Welcome** Mike Marshall! Mike will be sharing a brief testimonial report on God's work with Gideon's International.

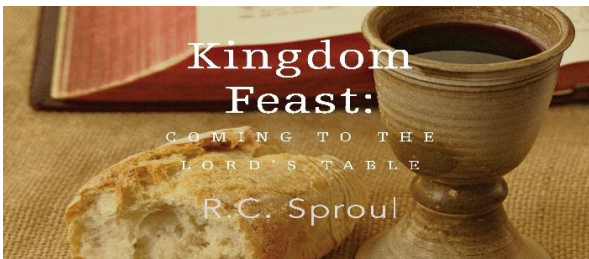
**All Fairfield Ladies** are invited for a short meeting today immediately after worship service. Your input is appreciated for upcoming activities.

**Save the date!** Ladies of Fairfield are cordially invited to attend a Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. This is a catered event. See Brenda Osbourne for any questions.

**Reminder...** Baby bottles are due for Safe Harbor on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.



**Kingdom Feast: Coming to the Lord's Table** is a video series that we are currently going through on Wednesday nights. Discussion questions and a time of prayer immediately follow the video. Study begins at 6 PM. See Pastor Ralph for additional questions.

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