



Fairfield
Presbyterian
Church
PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

March 30, 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

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Come let us worship and bow down

Let us kneel before the Lord

Our God our Maker

Come let us worship and bow down

Let us kneel before the Lord

Our God our Maker

For He is our God

And we are the people of His pasture

And the sheep of His hand

Just the sheep of His hand

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

from Psalm 145

Pastor: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever.

People: *Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever.*

* Indicates please stand if able.

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Pastor: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: *One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.*

Pastor: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

People: *They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.*

Pastor: They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

ALL: *The LORD is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.*

***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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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Public Confession of Sin

All: Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy. We recognize that we have heard in your Law difficult words, knowing how often we have offended you in thought, word and deed, not only by obvious violations, but by failing to conform to its perfect commands, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. There is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope, for where we thought we were well, we are sick in soul. Where we thought we were holy, we are in truth unholy and

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ungrateful. Our hearts are filled with the love of the world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you, in whose image they were created. Please forgive us for Christ's sake. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. ***Ephesians 2.8-9***

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;

**The word catholic means 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 8:13-21

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

Scripture Context:

Gideon punishes the men of Succoth and Penuel for failing to help him in his pursuit of the Midianite leaders.

Then Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle by the ascent of Heres. ¹⁴ And he captured a young man of Succoth and questioned him. And he wrote down for him the officials and elders of Succoth, seventy-seven men. ¹⁵ And he came to the men of Succoth and said, "Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you taunted me, saying, 'Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hand, that we should give bread to your men who are exhausted?'" ¹⁶ And he took the elders of the city, and he took thorns of the wilderness and briars and with them taught the men of Succoth a lesson. ¹⁷ And he broke down the tower of Penuel and killed the men of the city. ¹⁸ Then he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, "Where are the men whom you killed at Tabor?" They answered, "As you are, so were they. Every one of them resembled the son of a king." ¹⁹ And he said, "They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As the LORD lives, if you had saved them alive, I would not kill you." ²⁰ So he said to Jether his firstborn, "Rise and kill them!" But the young man did not draw his sword, for he was afraid, because he was still a young man. ²¹ Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise yourself and fall upon us, for as the man is, so is his strength." And Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and he took the crescent ornaments that were on the necks of their camels.

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; 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

Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus

VERSE 1

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh...

VERSE 2

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

CHORUS

**Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus**

Instrumental

VERSE 3

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

CHORUS

**Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus**

instrumental

VERSE 4

Glory glory this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
All my praise for this I bring
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

Oh...

CHORUS

**Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
(repeat)**

Oh...

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus:

***How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God***

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus:

***How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God***

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

<p><u>Men:</u> <i>How great is our God</i> <i>Sing with me</i> <i>How great is our God</i> <i>And all will see how great</i> <i>How great is our God</i></p>	<p><u>Women:</u> Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God</p>
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How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God-+

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading:

John 2:1-11

Preaching of the Word

Jesus' First Sign – Water into Wine

***Closing Hymn**

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All Glory Laud and Honor

***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

* Indicates please stand if able.

Memory Verse of the Week:

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.



Announcements

Reminder... *Baby bottles are due for Safe Harbor today. Make your donations payable to "Safe Harbor". Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Baby Bottle Boomerang program.*

Join Us Tonight! *6PM in the main sanctuary for our monthly Hymn Sing. This will be a time of worshiping God through song and a time of fellowship with one another.*

As a Reminder *we will be having our Communion Service and Fellowship Potluck Meal next Sunday, April 6th.*

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

ESL *will be starting a new Sunday School Class for English Learners. Class begins April 6th. We will be going through the book of Mark. Please pray for this new class and the students who may come. See Anna Coplin for more information*

FYI... *The Ladies' Bible Study, "Disciplines of a Godly Woman", will not meet in April but will resume Saturday, May 3rd, at 9:30 AM. All ladies are invited and it's never too late to join us!*



Are you missing something? Not sure where you put it? We have a pile of found treasure in our office. If you have lost or misplaced an item at church, there is a good chance you left it here. Please retrieve it. All items will be donated if not claimed by April 6th!