



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

December 14, 2025
3rd Sunday of Advent

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.

Memory Verse of the Week – Matthew 1:23

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

Reflections on Advent

During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare for the celebration of Christ’s birth through prayer and reflection. We contemplate the First Coming of Jesus as Savior, and anticipate his promised Second Coming. And amid the flurry of Christmas preparations, let us look for practical ways to share the message of the Jesus we celebrate.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 9

Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders.

All: **And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Minister: Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness.

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All: The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will do this thing.

***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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Angels We Have Heard on High



Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jesus is coming, shout for joy! Joy is a word we see and hear everywhere at Christmas. Joy to the world is the message of the season. Joy is the theme of this day.

Two weeks ago we lit the ***Prophecy candle*** and remembered those who first spoke the promise of the coming Christ child.

Last week we lit the ***Bethlehem candle***, a symbol of the preparations being made to receive and cradle the Christ child.

The **third** candle on the Advent wreath is called the ***Shepherds' candle***. It is also known as the candle of **joy**. It remembers the first in a long line of people who joyfully shared the good news of the Savior's birth. The candle is a **different color**, reminding us that our period of waiting is half over.

Psalm 146 praises the Lord as the Creator of the world and the Provider for his people. The psalm contains a wonderful "catalog" of the loving deeds of God, who gives food to the hungry and raises up those who are bowed down. The words remind us of the answer Jesus gave when John the Baptist asked him if he was the Messiah.

Hear the Word of the Lord: (Psalm 146:5-10)

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Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

***Worship in Song with Carols of Christmas 223**

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Corporate Confession of Sin

ALL: God of grace, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. By our actions and our attitudes we praise what you condemn. Help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, ~ Luke 1:68-69

The Prayers of God's People

(The pastor will lead us in prayer, taking praises and requests from individuals)

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The Giving of First Fruits

*The Doxology

(Tune: Veni Emmanuel)

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! Amen! A – men!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

*Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

*Worship in Song with Carols of Christmas

What Child is This? (213)

Glorious Light!

Glorious light! see the dawn of Salvation:
Angels in white fill the skies with their wondrous song;
Awakening earth with news of His birth;
Join the hymn of the highest heavens!

Long has the world fought the song of the angels.
Heavenly music is drowned by a warring world;
Yet hope burns a light, that shatters the night;
Turn your heart to the call of glory!

Glory to God in the highest!

Peace to men on earth.

*Come and adore Him with wonder -
Christ Lord of Heaven and earth.*

There is a day all creation has longed for -
When all of time has been spent and the Lord returns;

His song we'll repeat as heaven completes;
Promised peace that will fill the nations!

***Glory to God in the highest!
Peace to men on earth.
Come and adore Him with wonder -
Christ Lord of Heaven and earth.***

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While by the Sheep We Watched at Night – 215
(ladies sing ***echo*** in the refrain)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

Luke 2:1-20

Preaching of the Word

Songs of Christmas – The Gloria

*** Closing Hymn**

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Go, Tell it on the Mountain

***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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Sermon Notes
Songs of Christmas - The Gloria
Luke 2:1-20

1 The announcement to the shepherds demonstrates God's _____ for the _____ (v8-10)

2 The birth of Christ proclaims the gospel is for the _____ (10-11)

3 The birth of Christ reveals God's _____ to all (v9, 13-20)

Announcements



Building for the Future! As we begin our building campaign for a new church fellowship hall that will expand ministry opportunities, please prayerfully consider if God would have you give above your regular tithe or offering. (2 Cor. 9:7)

Don't Forget! We will be having our annual Christmas Lunch immediately following Worship Service today. All are invited and encouraged to attend.



The following ministries will resume in 2026

Men's Bible Study Fellowship – January 2026

Hymn Sing – January 2026

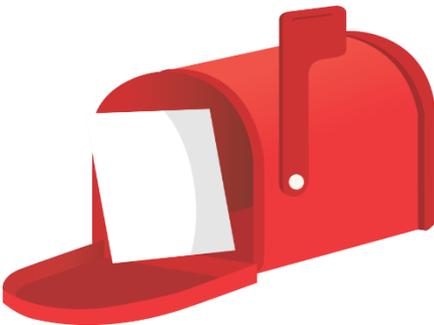
Women's Bible Study – February 2026

Potluck Fellowship – February 2026

***Children's bulletins are located in the back sanctuary next to the coffee station.**



***Join us** Wednesday, December 24th at 4:30 PM for our Christmas Eve Service and Children's Christmas Program.*



*The **mailbox** on the back table is for "postage free" mailing of your Christmas cards to your Fairfield friends. Be sure to look inside the **red** basket to find cards with your name!*



Officer Elections

The Session of Fairfield Presbyterian Church is pleased to present to the congregation 3 candidates for church leadership. Each has completed the officer training course, passed their exams, and is willing to serve. Steven Domoslay is presented for the office of Ruling Elder. Corey Weaver and Paul Milne are presented for the office of Deacon

We will hold a brief congregational meeting on January 11, 2026, after the Worship Service to vote on these candidates. We encourage you to get to know them as you prayerfully consider how to vote. There is more information in the front foyer with specific guidelines that will help you understand what the "Standards for Officers" are.

This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, December 15 to Sunday, December 21

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4 PMBuilding Expansion Committee Meeting

Wednesday – December 17

5:15 PM.....Church-wide Meal

6 PM.....Sermon in Review

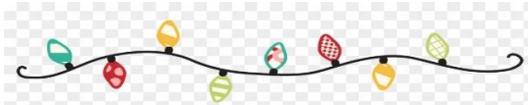
6 PMCatechism Class

Sunday – December 21

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

10:15 AM.....Coffee & Fellowship Time

10:45 AM.....Worship Service



*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
Matthew 28:19-20*

Our Missionaries Around the World

Chris & Savanna*..... Europe
Julian & Rachel*..... Belgium
Franklin & Beth*..... Persian Ministry
Dorothy Anderson..... Germany
John & Lu Elliott..... Costa Rica
Donny & Courtney Harwood..... Scotland
Kelly & Caroline Jackson..... RUF & FSU
Patrick & Regina Lennox..... Native Americans
Brett & Valerie McAlpin..... England
George & Susan Sayour..... Ministry to State
Robert & Lisa Stewart..... Japan
Raimo & Annemari Survo..... Finland
Cosmo & Susette Tomaselli..... Romania & Moldova
ThirdMill..... Worldwide Ministry
Tom & Teresa Wilson..... Japan

*These missionaries have requested their last names not be identified

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WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please let the Pastor or one of the elders know if you have any questions, are interested in membership, a visit, or a call. You may also indicate your interest on the attendance registration form.

- ❖ All babies and children are welcome and encouraged to remain in the Sanctuary with their parents, if so desired. If you feel that you need to take your baby or older children out for any reason, a “Cry Room” is available where you may still hear the Worship Service – our Church Library – Door #1 or #4 on the left as you leave the Sanctuary.
- ❖ We also have a nursery available if necessary for children through age 4 for your assistance. They are located in the northeast corner of the Education Wing. An usher will be glad to assist you if you should need any help.
- ❖ Restrooms are located in the north hallway of the Education Wing. A water fountain is located between the restrooms.

Our Vision: Fairfield Presbyterian Church is committed to sharing God’s love by evangelizing, equipping and sending disciples of Jesus into Pensacola and the world.

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Our Session: Ralph LaGuardia, Ricky Wells, Lew Bacchieri, Ken Peebles, and Joe Taverniti

Our Deacons: Doug Wassmer, Byron Bauer, Matt Bacchieri, Brandon White and Winford Wilson.

2025 - Tithes and Offerings

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$ 3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$ 6825.26
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 548.07
Missions amount given last week	\$ 775.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 12/10/2025	\$ 289790.10

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