



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

July 19, 2026

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 – Psalm 34:4

I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing that you have made, and forgives the sins of all those that are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, truly lamenting our sins, with unfeigned sorrow and abhorrence, and acknowledging our wretchedness with sincere resolution of amendment of life, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You
You alone are my strength my shield To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

From Psalm 27:1-2, 4

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation -

People: *Whom shall I fear?*

Pastor: The Lord is the stronghold of my life -

People: *Of whom shall I be afraid?*

* Indicates please stand if able.

Pastor: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me,

People: *They will stumble and fall.*

Pastor: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:

People: *That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.*

***Invocation and Adoration**

***Worship in Song**

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O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

(from Psalm 103)

(You may be seated)

Public Confession of Sin

ALL: We confess to You, O God, that we have sinned against heaven and in Your sight, and are not worthy to be called Your children. We have forgotten You, and have broken Your holy laws. We have been wayward and disobedient. We have been selfish and unkind. For the sake of Your dear Son our Savior, we beseech You to pardon our sins, to make clean our hearts within us, and to grant us Your peace. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

~ Romans 8:1

A Response of Praise

Change My Heart Oh God

Change my heart O God, Make it ever true

Change my heart O God, May I be like You

You are the Potter, I am the clay

Mold me and make me, This is what I pray

Change my heart O God, Make it ever true

Change my heart O God, May I be like You

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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.¹ 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 universal² church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹ Some versions of the Creed omit this phrase; it was inserted to affirm the reality of Christ's physical death;

² Traditionally "catholic;" it comes from the Greek word "katholikos" which means universal. To avoid confusion with the Roman Catholic church we have substituted the word universal

PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Testimony of God's Work

Covenant Baptism of

Josephine Marie Almeida Stevens

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

1 Samuel 12:1-15

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

Scripture Context:

The transition from the judges to a monarchy is complete. The time of the judges has come to an end as Samuel delivers his farewell address.

And Samuel said to all Israel, "Behold, I have obeyed your voice in all that you have said to me and have made a king over you."² And now, behold, the king walks before you, and I am old and gray; and behold, my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my youth until this day.³ Here I am; testify against me before the LORD and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? Testify against me and I will restore it to you."⁴ They said, "You have not defrauded us or

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oppressed us or taken anything from any man's hand." ⁵ And he said to them, "The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand." And they said, "He is witness." ⁶ And Samuel said to the people, "The LORD is witness, who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. ⁷ Now therefore stand still that I may plead with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous deeds of the LORD that he performed for you and for your fathers. ⁸ When Jacob went into Egypt, and the Egyptians oppressed them, then your fathers cried out to the LORD and the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt and made them dwell in this place. ⁹ But they forgot the LORD their God. And he sold them into the hand of Sisera, commander of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab. And they fought against them. ¹⁰ And they cried out to the LORD and said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD and have served the Baals and the Ashtaroth. But now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, that we may serve you.' ¹¹ And the LORD sent Jerubbaal and Barak and Jephthah and Samuel and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and you lived in safety. ¹² And when you saw that Nahash the king of the Ammonites came against you, you said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign over us,' when the LORD your God was your king. ¹³ And now behold the king whom you have chosen, for whom you have asked; behold, the LORD has set a king over you. ¹⁴ If you will fear the LORD and serve him and obey his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God, it will be well. ¹⁵ But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you and your king.

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**

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The Wonder of the Cross

Verse 1

O precious sight, my Savior stands, Dying for me with outstretched hands.
O precious sight, I love to gaze, Remembering salvation's day,
Remembering salvation's day.

Verse 2

Though my eyes linger on this scene, May passing time and years not steal
The power with which it impacts me, The freshness of its mystery,
The freshness of its mystery.

Chorus

***May I never lose the wonder, the wonder of the cross.
May I see it like the first time Standing as a sinner lost,
Undone by mercy and left speechless, Watching wide eyed at the cost.
May I never lose the wonder, The wonder of the cross.***

Verse 3

Behold the God-man crucified, The perfect sinless sacrifice.
As blood ran down those nails and wood, History was split in two, yes,
History was split in two.

Verse 4

Behold the empty wooden tree, His body gone, alive and free.
We sing with everlasting joy, For sin and death have been destroyed, yes,
Sin and death have been destroyed.

Chorus

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

Verse 3

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, rev. 1709

Music: Novello's Evening Service, 1822; adapt., harm. Lowell Mason, 1825, rev. 1835

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

John 12:26-36

Preaching of the Word

Jesus is Troubled by the Cross

*** Closing Hymn**

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Lift High the Cross

***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

Sermon Notes
John 12:26-36
Jesus is Troubled by the Cross

1 The effect of the cross on _____, 27-30

2 The effect of the cross on the _____, 31-33

3 The effect of the cross on the _____, 34-36



Deacons have scheduled a church work day for Saturday, July 25th at 8AM. For additional information, see Doug Wassmer or Byron Bauer.

Announcements

Building for the Future!

campaign for a new church
expand ministry
prayerfully consider if God
your regular tithe or



As we begin our building
fellowship hall that will
opportunities, please
would have you give above
offering. (2 Cor. 9:6-7)

- ❖ **New Ladies Bible Study** titled "Growing Together" by Melissa B Kruger is starting August 25th at 10AM. Sign ups no later than July 24th. See Robin LaGuardia or Linda Bauer.
- ❖ **2027 VBS Meeting**. There will be a preliminary VBS meeting on Sunday, July 26th immediately following worship service. This meeting is designed to give a very brief overview for 2027 VBS theme, and to determine who is interested in helping. More details to follow. See Judy Adkins for additional questions.
- ❖ **The Craft Ministry** will be meeting every Monday 10 AM at Nancy Taverniti's home to prepare Christmas items for October's flea market. This benefit will be in Alabama and all proceeds will go toward the fellowship hall. All hands needed! See Nancy Taverniti or Donna Peebles.
- ❖ **New Adult Sunday School study coming soon!** You are invited for an 8-week video series by Joel Kim over the book of Colossians. More info to come on start date. See Pastor Ralph for additional questions.
- ❖ **Men of Fairfield** are invited to start a new Bible study with Pastor Ralph. The study is titled "How to Lead Your Family-A Guide for Men Wanting to be More" by Joel Beeke. This study will begin Saturday, September 5th at 8AM. A light breakfast is provided. Men's study is every 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.
- ❖ We will be getting a new **sound system**. If you are interested in getting involved with this ministry please see Pastor Ralph for more details.

This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, July 20 – Sunday, July 26

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4 PM.....Building Committee Meeting

Wednesday – July 22

6 PM.....Bible Study & Prayer

Saturday – July 25

8 AM.....Church Work Day

Sunday – July 26

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

10: 45 AM.....Worship Service



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
Jim & Claudia Jung	Australasia
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, Steven Domoslay, Paul Milne, Corey Weaver, Brandon White, and Winford Wilson.

2026 - Tithes and Offerings

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$ 3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$ 4951.20
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 615.38
Missions amount given last week	\$ 590.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 7/17/2026	\$ 473,947.22

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