



# Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

# Celebration of Worship

April 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 – 1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

## Choral Introit

### *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

We bring the sacrifice of praise, Into the house of the Lord  
We bring the sacrifice of praise Into the house of the Lord  
And we offer up to You, The sacrifices of thanksgiving  
And we offer up to You The sacrifices of joy

## Call to Worship

**from Psalm 34**

**Pastor:** I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People:** *My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.*

**Pastor:** Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**People:** *Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*

\* Indicates please stand if able.

## **\*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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### ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

*(You may be seated)*

## **Public Confession of Sin**

**All:** O Lord, no day of our lives passes that does not prove us guilty in your sight. Our best services are filthy rags. All things in us call for our rejection. However, all things in Christ plead our acceptance. Grant us to hear your voice assuring us that by your stripes we are healed, that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you became sin for us that we might become righteous in you. Grant that by resting in your righteousness we may hereafter walk in newness of life and run hard after your commandments. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*

## **A Response of Praise**

*(This is a response of praise in song to the good news that all who have believed in Jesus for salvation have the assurance that God has forgiven our sins)*

### ***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*

## **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.<sup>1</sup>

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.

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal<sup>2</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

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

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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

### 1 Samuel 4:12-22

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

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*Scripture Context:*

*In the providence of God, He allowed the ark of God to be captured as a judgment in these last days of the Judges. A new king would come to restore the glory in Israel.*

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A man of Benjamin ran from the battle line and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes torn and with dirt on his head. <sup>13</sup> When he arrived, Eli was sitting on his seat by the road watching, for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told the news, all the city cried out. <sup>14</sup> When Eli heard the sound of the outcry, he said, "What is this uproar?" Then the man hurried and came and told Eli. <sup>15</sup> Now Eli was ninety-eight years old and his eyes were set so that he could not see. <sup>16</sup> And the man said to Eli, "I am he who has come from the battle; I fled from the battle today." And he said, "How did it go, my son?" <sup>17</sup> He who brought the news answered and said, "Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has also been a great defeat among the people. Your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been captured." <sup>18</sup> As soon as he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell over backward from his seat by the side of the gate, and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. He had judged Israel forty years. <sup>19</sup> Now his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth. And when she heard the news that the ark of God was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed and gave birth, for her pains came upon her. <sup>20</sup> And about the time of her death the women attending her said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer or pay attention. <sup>21</sup>

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And she named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel!" because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband.<sup>22</sup> And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

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 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**

#### ***God Is For Us***

Verse 1

We won't fear the battle  
We won't fear the night  
We will walk the Valley with You by our side  
You will go before us  
You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge only You can save

***Chorus***

***Sing with joy now our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us***

Verse 2

Even when I stumble  
Even when I fall  
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure  
You will not abandon  
You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

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*Bridge:*

*Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave His Son to free us  
Holds me in His love*

***Chorus***

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***Christ Our Hope In Life And Death***

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death, Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence, That our souls to Him belong  
What holds our days within His hand, What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end, The love of Christ in which we stand

***Chorus***

***O sing hallelujah, Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah, Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death***

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul, God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known, In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise, Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Verse 3

Unto the grave what shall we sing, Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring, Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore

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**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon Text:**

**John 10:22-30**

**Preaching of the Word**

*Safe in the Messiah's Hand*

**\*Closing Hymn**

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*Blessed Assurance*

**\*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 10:22-30

***Safe in the Messiah's Hand***

**1 The \_\_\_\_\_ setting, 22-23**

**2 The \_\_\_\_\_ inquiry, 24**

**3 The \_\_\_\_\_ message, 25-28a**

**4 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Shepherd's sheep, 28b-30**



## *Church Work Day*

Saturday, Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM.

Men are requested to bring heavy rakes to clear stumps and the play area.

Women are requested to clean indoors...wash walls, baseboards, and windows, and dusting, etc...

See Doug Wassmer for additional questions.

## 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)



There is a **Sunday School Children's Ministry** meeting after worship service today, Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is for all teachers and parents whose children attend Sunday School. The meeting is in Room #3. See Lew Bacchieri for additional questions.



**Hymn Sing** is scheduled for next Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the main sanctuary.

**\*\*\*There are children's worship bulletins located in the back of the sanctuary near the coffee/tea station.**

# This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, April 20 – Sunday, April 26

## Monday – April 20

4 PM.....Building Committee Meeting

## Tuesday – April 21

6 PM.....ESL Class

## Wednesday – April 22

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

6 PM.....Bible Study & Prayer

6 PM.....Catechism Class

## Thursday – April 23

9 AM.....Homeschool Co-op

9:30 AM.....Missions Committee Meeting

## Saturday – April 25

8 AM.....Church Work Day

## Sunday – April 26

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

10: 45 AM.....Worship Service

6 PM.....Hymn Sing

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*"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
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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**A member congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America**

**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.

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## **2026 - Tithes and Offerings**

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$ 3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$ 5457.69
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 615.38
Missions amount given last week	\$ 525.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 4/17/2026	\$ 416,470.79

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