



Fairfield  
Presbyterian  
Church  
PCA

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

# Celebration of Worship

April 26, 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 – Galatians 4:6-7

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying “Abba! Father!”<sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

O Almighty God, who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant to your people, that they may love the things which you command, and desire that which you promise; so that, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## Choral Introit

### *Come Into His Presence*

Come into His presence With thanksgiving in your heart  
And give Him praise, And give Him praise  
Come into His presence, With thanksgiving in your heart  
Your voices raise, Your voices raise  
Give glory and honor and power unto Him  
Jesus the name above all names

## Call to Worship

**Psalm 84:1-5**

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**People:** *My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

Pastor: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

\* Indicates please stand if able.

**People:** *Blessed are those who dwell in your house; ever singing your praises.*

**All:** *Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.*

### **\*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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#### **God is Known Among His People**

(from Psalm 76)

(You may be seated)

### **Public Confession of Sin**

*All: O Lord, we want to enter your presence, worshipping you face to face, awed by your majesty, greatness, and glory; yet encouraged by your love. Yet there is coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward you, an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for you. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within us, in every thought, word, and deed. Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to you, and always clings to the cross. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

### **Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

*Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,<sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ~Hebrews 2.14-15*

### **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)

#### **My Eyes Are Dry**

My eyes are dry my faith is old; My heart is hard my prayers are cold; And I  
know how I ought to be  
Alive in You and dead to me.  
Oh, what can be done For an old heart like mine  
Soften it up with oil and wine; The oil is You  
Your Spirit of love; Please wash me anew  
In the wine of Your blood

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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.<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.

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 5:1-12

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

#### **Scripture Context:**

*The Philistines have a rude awakening as the hand of God is heavy upon them because of the ark of God in their midst.*

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When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.<sup>2</sup> Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and set it up beside Dagon.<sup>3</sup> And when the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and put him back in his place.<sup>4</sup> But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him.<sup>5</sup> This is why the priests of Dagon and all who enter the house of Dagon do not tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.<sup>6</sup> The hand of the

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LORD was heavy against the people of Ashdod, and he terrified and afflicted them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territory.<sup>7</sup> And when the men of Ashdod saw how things were, they said, "The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for his hand is hard against us and against Dagon our god."<sup>8</sup> So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines and said, "What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?" They answered, "Let the ark of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath." So they brought the ark of the God of Israel there.<sup>9</sup> But after they had brought it around, the hand of the LORD was against the city, causing a very great panic, and he afflicted the men of the city, both young and old, so that tumors broke out on them.<sup>10</sup> So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. But as soon as the ark of God came to Ekron, the people of Ekron cried out, "They have brought around to us the ark of the God of Israel to kill us and our people."<sup>11</sup> They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines and said, "Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its own place, that it may not kill us and our people." For there was a deathly panic throughout the whole city. The hand of God was very heavy there.<sup>12</sup> The men who did not die were struck with tumors, and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

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**

*Christ, the True and Better*

*Verse 1*

Christ, the true and better Adam, Son of God and Son of man, who, when tempted in the garden, never yielded, never sinned. He who makes the many righteous brings us back to life again. Dying, he reversed the curse; then rising crushed the serpent's head.

*Chorus*

Amen, amen, from beginning to end. Christ the story, his the glory; alleluia, amen.

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*Verse 2*

Christ, the true and better Isaac, humble Son of sacrifice, who would climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up his life. Laid with faith upon the altar, father's joy and only son; there salvation was provided, oh, what full and boundless love.

*Verse 3*

Christ, the true and better Moses, called to lead a people home, standing bold to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known. With his arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two; see, the veil is torn forever, cleansed with blood we pass now through.

*Verse 4*

Christ, the true and better David, lowly shepherd, mighty king. He the champion in the battle; where, O death, is now thy sting? In our place he bled and conquered; crown him Lord of majesty. His shall be the throne forever; we shall e'er his people be.

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***On Jordan's Stormy Banks***

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.
2. All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

***Chorus:***

**Men:** I am bound; **Women:** (I am bound)

**Men:** I am bound; **Women:** (I am bound)

I am bound for promised land,

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I am bound for promised land.

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

(Repeat chorus)

4. When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest?  
(Repeat chorus)

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## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

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

**Sermon Text:**

**John 10:31-42**

**Preaching of the Word**

*Blasphemer or Son of God?*

**\*Closing Hymn**

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*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

**\*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 10:31-42

***Blasphemer or Son of God?***

**1 Jesus is charged with \_\_\_\_\_, 31-33**

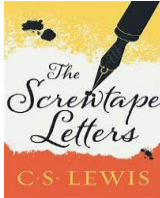
**2 Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ their charge, 34-39**

**3 Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ by others, 40-42**

## 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)



**Men's Bible Study Fellowship:** Men of Fairfield! Join Pastor Ralph every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month as they study "Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. This is an interactive study with a light breakfast served. It's not too late to join. See Pastor Ralph for additional questions.



**Communion Sunday:** Join us next Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> as we celebrate Communion together as a church family.



**Church Potluck** is next Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> immediately following worship service. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a great time of fellowship and food.

**\*\*\*As a reminder there are children's bulletins located in the back of the sanctuary near the coffee and tea station.**



**George Savour (Ministry to State) requests:** (1) **That the relationships** I've spent time building this last month would bear fruit for future opportunities for conversation, evangelism, discipleship, and prayer. (2) **For the Friday Morning Study** that I lead and the Men who attend it. That the Lord would use our time for his glory in my & their lives & Government Callings. (3) **For the Senators & Representatives** who are traveling back to the Capitol for the Special Session on April 28th and the work they are called to do. (4) **For First Lady Casey DeSantis, Secretary Michelle Branham,** and their teams as they finish this final year of the Governor's term well. (5) **For the National Day of Prayer (May 7) and Bible Reading (May 3)** events on the Florida Capitol Grounds. Would we humbly petition our Lord on behalf of our State, Government, and Residents, for our Good and His Glory. (5) **For fundraising,** that I would close the gap of being fully funded while bringing on financial and prayer partners to the ministry.

**Kelly & Caroline Jackson (RUF & FSU) requests:** (1) **Strong Finish to the Spring** - We are in our final month of the semester and school year! Please, pray for us we wrap up Large Group, small groups, and other programming on campus and gear up for Summer Conference!! More to come. (2) **Transitions** - Our current interns will be wrapping up in May, and we're also sending out Blaine, Gracie, and many more graduating seniors. Please, pray for us as we ask God to raise up and provide new leaders and as we say goodbye to all the men and women we love as they move on to what's next!

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# This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, April 27 – Sunday, May 3

## Tuesday – April 28

6 PM.....ESL Class

## Wednesday – April 29

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

6 PM.....Bible Study & Prayer

6 PM.....Catechism Class

## Thursday – April 30

9 AM.....Homeschool Co-op

## Saturday – May 2

8 AM.....Men’s Fellowship Study

## Sunday – May 3

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

10: 45 AM.....Worship Service

***Potluck Fellowship Meal Immediately Following Worship Service.***

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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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**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	\$ 14515.72
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 615.38
Missions amount given last week	\$ 690.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 4/24/2026	\$ 432,062.27

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