



# Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

# Celebration of Worship

August 10, 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.*

## Memory Verse of the Week – Romans 5:3-4

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty Father, who has given your only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in purity of living and truth; and increase and strengthen our faith in you, and in your Son whom you have sent; that so believing in Him, we may overcome the world, and attain to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

from Psalm 86

**Pastor:** Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name.

**All:** *For you are great and do marvelous deeds; You alone are God.*

**Pastor:** Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

**All:** *I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me;*

\* Indicates please stand if able.

***You have delivered me from the depths of the grave.***

## **\*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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***Wondrous King, All Glorious***

## **Public Confession of Sin**

Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon you; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins; and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our works; and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and our willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and our neighbor. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and out of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and praise You in newness of life through the finished work of our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ~ 1 Peter 3:18*

## **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.**

\* Indicates please stand if able.

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

\*\*or universal; this phrase simply refers to the fact that the Church is made up of believers of all times in all nations.

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## PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE

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### 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

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### Public Reading of Scripture

### Judges 16:7-22

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

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*Scripture Context:*

*The Spirit of the Lord leaves Samson after his continual covenant breaking*

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Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings that have not been dried, then I shall become weak and be like any other man."<sup>8</sup> Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bowstrings that had not been dried, and she bound him with them.<sup>9</sup> Now she had men lying in ambush in an inner chamber. And she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he snapped the bowstrings, as a thread of flax snaps when it touches the fire. So the secret of his strength was not known.<sup>10</sup> Then Delilah said to Samson, "Behold, you have mocked me and told me lies. Please tell me how you might be bound."<sup>11</sup> And he said to her, "If they bind me with new ropes that have not been used, then I shall become weak and be like any other man."<sup>12</sup> So Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And the men lying in ambush were in an inner chamber. But he snapped the ropes off his arms like a thread.<sup>13</sup> Then Delilah said to Samson, "Until now you have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me how you might be bound." And he said to her, "If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web and fasten it tight with the pin, then I shall become weak and be like any other man."<sup>14</sup> So while he slept, Delilah took the seven locks of his head and wove them

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into the web.<sup>1</sup> And she made them tight with the pin and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he awoke from his sleep and pulled away the pin, the loom, and the web.<sup>15</sup> And she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and you have not told me where your great strength lies."<sup>16</sup> And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death.<sup>17</sup> And he told her all his heart, and said to her, "A razor has never come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak and be like any other man."<sup>18</sup> When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up again, for he has told me all his heart." Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hands.<sup>19</sup> She made him sleep on her knees. And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him.<sup>20</sup> And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him.<sup>21</sup> And the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles. And he ground at the mill in the prison.<sup>22</sup> But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

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**

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## **\*Worship in Song**

### ***The Lord Is My Salvation***

#### Verse 1

The grace of God has reached for me  
And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground  
The Lord is my salvation

#### Verse 2

I will not fear when darkness falls  
His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun  
The Lord is my salvation

#### **Chorus**

**Who is like the Lord our God  
Strong to save faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the victory won  
The Lord is my salvation**

#### Verse 3

My hope is hidden in the Lord  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word  
When winter fades I know spring will come  
The Lord is my salvation

#### Verse 4

In times of waiting times of need  
When I know loss when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days  
The Lord is my salvation

#### **Chorus**

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Verse 5

And when I reach the final day  
He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise He will call me home  
The Lord is my salvation

**Chorus**

Bridge

Glory be to God the Father  
Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit  
The Lord is our salvation

**Chorus**

**Who is like the Lord our God  
Strong to save faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the victory won  
The Lord is my salvation  
The Lord is our salvation  
The Lord is our salvation**

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***Ancient of Days***

Verse 1

Though the nations rage  
Kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King  
Reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains:  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

**Chorus**

**None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days**

**Verse 2**

Though the dread of night  
Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me  
I am not alone  
O His love is sure and He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

**Chorus**

**Verse 3**

Though I may not see  
What the future brings  
I will watch and wait  
For the Saviour King  
Then my joy complete standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

**Chorus**

**None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days  
For my God is the Ancient of Days**

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

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

**Sermon Text:**

**John 5:31-47**

### **Preaching of the Word**

*The Witnesses to the Son*

**\*Closing Hymn**

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*We Come, O Christ, to You*

### **\*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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## Announcements

**Today:** All Fairfield ladies are invited to a meeting immediately following worship service on Sunday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, in the ladies classroom. Please join us and give your input on upcoming fall activities and new ministry opportunities. See Robin LaGuardia or Linda Bauer.



Fairfield is now accepting funds to expand the building to allow for continued growth of the church.



**Join Us!**

Donny Harwood and his family will be visiting Fairfield on Sunday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>. He will be taking the Sunday School hour to address the congregation concerning his appeal for support from Fairfield to be able to return to Scotland, his home country, to reach the Scottish people with the gospel and to plant churches. All are encouraged to attend!

### **Save the Date!**

Men's 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Morning Bible Study at 8 AM  
*Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis*

Men's Fellowship is resuming Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Breakfast is provided. This is a time to sharpen and encourage one another to be faithful. It's not too late to sign up. See Pastor Ralph for any questions.

**Reminder:** There are children's sermon notes located by the back table in the sanctuary.

# This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, August 11 to Sunday, August 17

**Monday – August 11**

4 PM.....Building Expansion Meeting

**Wednesday – August 13**

6 PM.....Sermon in Review/Prayer

6 PM .....Catechism Class

**Saturday – August 16**

8 AM .....Men’s Fellowship

9:30 AM.....Women’s Bible Study

**Sunday– August 17**

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*

## Our Missionaries Around the World

Chris & Savanna*	Europe
Julian & Rachel*	Belgium
Franklin & Beth*	Persian Ministry
Dorothy Anderson.....	Germany
John & Lu Elliott.....	Costa Rica
Kelly & Caroline Jackson.....	RUF & FSU
Patrick & Regina Lennox.....	Native Americans
Brett & Valerie McAlpin.....	England
George & Susan Sayour.....	Ministry to State
Robert & Lisa Stewart.....	Japan
Cosmo & Susette Tomaselli.....	Romania & Moldova
Thirddmill.....	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 struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; 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.

**We are a member congregation** of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The PCA was formed in 1973 to be a denomination that is "Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission".

**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

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### **Greeters:**

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**This morning: (August 10): Matt & Amanda Bacchieri**

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Next Sunday Morning (August 17) Winford Wilson & Doug Wassmer

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### **Nursery:**

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**This morning: (August 10): Belen Jusino**

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Next Sunday Morning (August 17): Amy Benson

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### **2025 - Tithes and Offerings**

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$6685.00
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 548.07
Missions amount given last week	\$ 660.00

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