



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

August 16, 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 73:26

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

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 forever. Amen.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Choral Introit

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end.

They are new ev'ry morning, new ev'ry morning;
- great is thy faithfulness, O Lord, - great is thy faithfulness.

Call to Worship

Psalm 40:1-4

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

All: *He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.*

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

All: *Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust.*

***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**

Psalm 40

(Tune: Before the Throne of God)

1. I wait-ed long u-pon the LORD; He heard my cry and turned to me.
He raised me from the slim-y pit and from the mire He pulled me free.
He set my feet on sol-id rock, a place to stand both firm and broad.
He put a new song in my mouth, a joy-ful hymn of praise to God,
a joy-ful hymn of praise to God.

2. Man-y will look with god-ly fear and on the LORD a-lone re-ly,
Bless-ed are they who trust the LORD, Who shun the proud and gods that lie.
The won-ders You have done, O LORD, How man-y and how great they are!
Your plans for us are far be-yond our pow'r to num-ber or de-clare,
our pow'r to num-ber or de-clare.

3. In the as-sem-bly when it met Your jus-tice I pro-claimed a-broad.
I did not seal my lips at all; You know all this a-about me, LORD.
I did not hide with-in my heart Your sav-ing grace and right-eous-ness,
In the as-sem-bly I pro-claimed Your stead-fast love and faith-ful-ness,
Your stead-fast love and faith-ful-ness.

4. But let all those who seek your face, be joy-ful in you all their days;
let those who love sal-va-tion say, "Ex-al-ted be the LORD al-ways!"
Yet I am poor and in great need; LORD, think on me, I hum-bly pray.
You are my Sa-vior and my help; Come, O, my God! Do not de-lay;
Come, O my God! Do not de-lay.

Public Confession of Sin

ALL: O Lord, my every sense, member, faculty, affection, is a snare to me, I can scarce open my eyes, but I envy those above me or despise those below. I covet the honor and riches of the mighty and am proud and unmerciful to the rags of others. Am I comely? What fuel for pride! Am I gifted? How I lust after applause! Am I unlearned? How I despise what I have not! You know that all these are snares by my corruptions, and that my greatest snare is myself. Keep me ever mindful of my natural

state, but let me not forget my heavenly title, or the grace that can deal with every sin. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more. ~ Hebrews 8:12

A Response of Praise

Gloria Patri

(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)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

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

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 13:16-23

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

* Indicates please stand if able.

Scripture Context:

After Saul's unlawful sacrifice, Samuel pronounces judgment on him and departed without giving Saul any more instructions. Saul now faces some Philistine raiding parties.

And Saul and Jonathan his son and the people who were present with them stayed in Geba of Benjamin, but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.¹⁷ And raiders came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies. One company turned toward Ophrah, to the land of Shual;¹⁸ another company turned toward Beth-horon; and another company turned toward the border that looks down on the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.¹⁹ Now there was no blacksmith to be found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make themselves swords or spears."²⁰ But every one of the Israelites went down to the Philistines to sharpen his plowshare, his mattock, his axe, or his sickle,²¹ and the charge was two-thirds of a shekel for the plowshares and for the mattocks, and a third of a shekel for sharpening the axes and for setting the goads.²² So on the day of the battle there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people with Saul and Jonathan, but Saul and Jonathan, his son had them.²³ And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.

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**

His Glory and My Good

Verse 1

I have seen my Father's glory revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him the more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty; When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward; For His glory and my good

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Verse 2

There is hope in every trial; For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him; And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus; On the road not understood
For I know that He is working; For His glory and my good

Chorus

***To our God be the glory, To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good***

Verse 3

See the open arms of Jesus, Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness; deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me; it was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me; For His glory and my good

Chorus

Instrumental

Verse 4

Would I gladly be made nothing; That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom; That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father; Where the faithful saints have stood
/ And with joy my heart shall praise Him, For His glory and my good /

Chorus

***/ To our God be the glory, To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good /***

Yes, I know His glory is my good!

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The Secret Place

1 Who dwells with-in His most secret place
Is never far from His blessed grace
'Neath His great shadow all will be well

* Indicates please stand if able.

No better place now for us to dwell

Refrain

*The secret place of God Most High
The shadow of our mighty King
The dwelling place where angels cry
Is where our praise will forever ring*

2 Fear not the terror that comes at night
Nor flaming arrows by morning light
His truth is always our sword and shield
Against His power, all foes must yield

Refrain

3 A thousand fall now at ev'ry side
Ten thousand more may have yet to die
Yet plague and sword can
Ne'er kill the soul
His angels guard us now safe and whole

Refrain

4 Refuge and fortress for all who trust
No safer pasture for men of dust
'Neath wings and feathers of Holy Lord
No greater comfort can He afford

Refrain

*The secret place of God Most High
The shadow of our mighty King
The dwelling place where angels cry
/ Is where our praise will forever ring /*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

John 13:18-30

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Preaching of the Word

Betrayal Forewarned

*Closing Hymn

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God Moves in a Mysterious Way

TUNE: MARTYRDOM – (Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed)

*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



Building for the Future! As we continue 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)

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Sermon Notes
John 13:18-30
Betrayal Forewarned

1 Jesus _____ His disciples of a traitor, 18-20

2 Jesus _____ the traitor is one of them, 21-26

3 Jesus _____ the traitor, 27-30

Announcements

Catechism Class for children ages 5-11 will be starting a new year September 2, 2026. Classes are each Wednesday from 6-7:15PM. This class is geared toward teaching children the foundations of Christian faith through questions and answers. It helps them to understand what we believe and why we believe it. This is done through teaching, activities, and prayer. To ensure we are ordering enough copies please see Ralph Reedy to sign your child up or contact the church office at 850-455-7245. Volunteers are always needed!

Mark your calendars! All Fairfield ladies are invited to a brief meeting on Sunday, August 30th, in Room 3, immediately following worship. We will be sharing dates for the upcoming fall festivities, and we need your input for making each one a success.

Pinewoods Church (PCA) has invited Fairfield to a SALT MINISTRY RETREAT on Saturday, Aug. 29th, 9:30AM-3PM. The keynote speaker is Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas. You can go to their website at pinewoodschurch.org for registration information.

ESL (English as a Second Language) is having a volunteer meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 25th from 6-8PM. This meeting is for anyone who would like to serve in ESL during the 2026-2027 school year, or anyone curious to learn more about this gospel outreach ministry of our church. Please see Eric or Anna Coplin for any questions.

Join us for the Following New Studies

Parents! Save the date! A new **parenting class by Paul Tripp** will begin Wednesday, Sept. 9th. This is a video series which will run every Wednesday evenings at 6PM from Sept. 9th – Oct. 28th. Please Pastor Ralph or Robin LaGuardia for any 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.

New Ladies Bible Study titled ***“Growing Together”*** by Melissa B Kruger is starting Tuesday, August 25th at 10AM. See Robin LaGuardia or Linda Bauer.

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This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, August 17 – Sunday, August 23

Wednesday – August 19

6 PM.....Sermon In Review

Thursday – August 20

9 AM.....Homeschool Co-op

6 PM.....Missions Committee Meeting

Saturday – August 22

10:30 AM.....Ashlynn Hanford’s Baby Shower

Sunday – August 23

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.

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, 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	\$ 3620.27
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 615.38
Missions amount given last week	\$ 470.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 8/14/2026	\$ 525,144.17

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