



# Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

# Celebration of Worship

August 23, 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 – John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty and everlasting God, who is always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy; forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### Choral Introit

***We Have Come into His House***

/ We have come into His house, And gathered in His name  
To worship Him /

We have come into His house; And gathered in His name  
To worship Christ the Lord  
Worship Him Christ the Lord

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### Call to Worship

**from Psalm 84**

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

**People: *My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;  
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.***

\* Indicates please stand if able.

Pastor: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young-- a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

### **\*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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***O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art***

(from Psalm 80)

### **Public Confession of Sin**

ALL: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ~Hebrews 12.2*

### **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)*

Behold what manner of love The Father has given unto us  
Behold what manner of love The Father has given unto us

That we should be called The sons of God  
That we should be called The sons of God

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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

## **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 14:1-15**

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

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#### *Scripture Context:*

*God uses Jonathan to begin to defeat the Philistines without Saul's knowledge*

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One day Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let us go over to the Philistine garrison on the other side." But he did not tell his father.<sup>2</sup> Saul was staying in the outskirts of Gibeah in the pomegranate cave at Migron. The people who were with him were about six hundred men,<sup>3</sup> including Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, son of Phinehas, son of Eli, the priest of the LORD in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.

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<sup>4</sup> Within the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistine garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side and a rocky crag on the other side. The name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. <sup>5</sup> The one crag rose on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba. <sup>6</sup> Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few." <sup>7</sup> And his armor-bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold, I am with you heart and soul." <sup>8</sup> Then Jonathan said, "Behold, we will cross over to the men, and we will show ourselves to them." <sup>9</sup> If they say to us, 'Wait until we come to you,' then we will stand still in our place, and we will not go up to them. <sup>10</sup> But if they say, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up, for the LORD has given them into our hand. And this shall be the sign to us." <sup>11</sup> So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, "Look, Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves." <sup>12</sup> And the men of the garrison hailed Jonathan and his armor-bearer and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you a thing." And Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "Come up after me, for the LORD has given them into the hand of Israel." <sup>13</sup> Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, and his armor-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed them after him. <sup>14</sup> And that first strike, which Jonathan and his armor-bearer made, killed about twenty men within as it were half a furrow's length in an acre of land. <sup>15</sup> And there was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and even the raiders trembled, the earth quaked, and it became a very great panic.

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.

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## **\*Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

### **\*Worship in Song**

#### ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

(Traditional American Folk Tune)

##### *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: Traditional American Folk Tune*

#### ***It was Finished Upon that Cross***

##### *Verse 1*

How I love the voice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. He declares his  
work is finished; he has spoken this hope to me. Though the sun had  
ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost, Christ had  
triumphed over evil. It was finished upon that cross.

##### *Verse 2*

Now the curse, it has been broken; Jesus paid the price for me. Full the  
pardon he has offered. Great the welcome that I receive. Boldly I  
approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness. There is no more  
guilt to carry. It was finished upon that cross.

##### *Verse 3*

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me. But  
the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed. Free

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from ev'ry plan of darkness, free to live and free to love. Death is dead  
and Christ is risen. It was finished upon that cross.

End

Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God.

I rejoice in Jesus' vict'ry.

///It was finished upon that cross.///

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## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

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

**Sermon Text:**

**John 13:31-35**

**Preaching of the Word**

*Glorified to Love*

**\*Closing Hymn**

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*To God be the Glory*

**\*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 13:31-35**  
Glorified to Love

1 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the cross

2 The \_\_\_\_\_ achieved by the cross

3 A new \_\_\_\_\_ motivated by the cross

## Announcements



**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)

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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. 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30AM-3PM. The keynote speaker is Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas. You can go to their website at [pinewoodschurch.org](http://pinewoodschurch.org) for registration information

### **Join us for the Following New Studies**

**Parents! Save the date!** A new **parenting class by Paul Tripp** will begin Wednesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a video series which will run Wednesday evenings at 6PM from Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> at 8AM. A light breakfast is provided. Men's study is every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.

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

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**If you love Jesus and speak  
English, we can use help!**

**ESL (English as a Second Language)  
Fairfield's International Gospel  
Outreach Program here in  
Pensacola**

**Volunteer Dinner Meeting - Tuesday, August 25th, 6:00-8:00pm**

**Is God calling you to serve in the ESL ministry during the 2026-2027 school year? Are you curious to learn more about this gospel ministry of our church? There are many ways you can help, on Tuesday nights and during the week. We also need many one-time volunteers to help with our upcoming Student Registration Night!**

**Registration Night Training - Tuesday, September 1st, 6:30-7:30pm**

**We'll teach you what you need to know to be able to help with registration night the following week!**

**Student Registration Night - Tuesday, September 8th, 5:15-8:00pm (heavy snacks and finger foods will be served)**

**Here are ways you can help:**

- >Greeting students**
- >Assisting with check-in and registration forms**
- >Proctoring assessments**
- >Conducting speaking interviews**
- >Guiding students to each station**
- >Distributing welcome bags and Bibles**
- >Set up and Clean up**
- >Providing childcare for volunteers**
- >Prayer warriors**

**If you'd like to come to the dinner meeting, help with Student Registration Night, or commit to pray, please contact Eric or Anna Coplin at 419-487-038**

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# This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

## Monday, August 24 – Sunday, August 30

### **Tuesday – August 25**

10 AM.....Women’s Bible Study  
 6 PM.....ESL Teacher/Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday – August 26**

6 PM.....Sermon In Review

### **Thursday – August 27**

9 AM.....Homeschool Co-op  
 6 PM .....Missions Committee Meeting

### **Sunday – August 30**

9:30 AM.....Sunday School  
 10:15 AM.....Coffee & Fellowship  
 Time 10: 45 AM.....Worship Service

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## Our Missionaries Around the World

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| 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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**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, Paul Milne, Corey Weaver, Brandon White, and Winford Wilson.

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## **2026 - Tithes and Offerings**

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| Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount   | \$ 3321.62    |
| General, Building, etc. amount given last week   | \$ 3844.25    |
| Weekly Missions budgeted amount                  | \$ 615.38     |
| Missions amount given last week                  | \$ 705.00     |
| Current Building Expansion Value as of 8/21/2026 | \$ 518,879.29 |

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