



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

August 24, 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– Psalm 34:8

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

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

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.

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**

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

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

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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.

*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.

PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Testimony of God's Work

Presentation of New Communing Members

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

Judges 17:1-13

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

Scripture Context:

With this section we begin one of the darkest periods in the life of God's covenant people. Without a king, the people stray from God and do what is right in their own eyes.

There was a man of the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Micah. ² And he said to his mother, "The 1,100 pieces of silver that were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse, and also spoke it in my ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it." And his mother said, "Blessed be my son by the LORD." ³ And he restored the 1,100 pieces of silver to his mother. And his mother said, "I dedicate the silver to the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a carved image and a metal image. Now therefore I will restore it to you." ⁴ So when he restored the money to his mother, his mother

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took 200 pieces of silver and gave it to the silversmith, who made it into a carved image and a metal image. And it was in the house of Micah. ⁵ And the man Micah had a shrine, and he made an ephod and household gods, and ordained¹ one of his sons, who became his priest. ⁶ In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. ⁷ Now there was a young man of Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there. ⁸ And the man departed from the town of Bethlehem in Judah to sojourn where he could find a place. And as he journeyed, he came to the hill country of Ephraim to the house of Micah. ⁹ And Micah said to him, "Where do you come from?" And he said to him, "I am a Levite of Bethlehem in Judah, and I am going to sojourn where I may find a place." ¹⁰ And Micah said to him, "Stay with me, and be to me a father and a priest, and I will give you ten pieces of silver a year and a suit of clothes and your living." And the Levite went in. ¹¹ And the Levite was content to dwell with the man, and the young man became to him like one of his sons. ¹² And Micah ordained the Levite, and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. ¹³ Then Micah said, "Now I know that the LORD will prosper me, because I have a Levite as priest."

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**

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***Worship in Song**

He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

**He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast**

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

Chorus

**He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast**

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

Chorus

**He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast**

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The Secret Place

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

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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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text: **John 6:15 – 21**

Preaching of the Word

Jesus Walks on Water

***Closing Hymn** **76**

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

***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

August 24, 2025

John 6:15-21

Jesus Walks on Water

1 Jesus prepares the _____, 16-18

2 Jesus comes at the appropriate _____, 19

3 Jesus is our source of _____, 20-21

Announcements



Join us Wednesday nights for a home cooked meal. Dinner will be served from 5:15-6PM. Bible study for adults and Catechism class for kids will immediately follow the meal. See Ashley Moore for questions.

Join Us! Sunday, August 31st at 6PM as we resume our monthly Hymn Sing. Hymn Sing takes place on the last Sunday of each month in the main sanctuary.



Fairfield is now accepting funds to expand the building to allow for continued growth of the church. Please continue to pray for the committee as they continue to make decisions.



Join us Wednesday nights at 6PM for midweek Bible study. Pastor Ralph is leading a study where the past Sunday's sermon is reviewed. There is a time of discussion, questions, and prayer.

School Supplies: You can help Fairfield children get ready for school by donating a few supplies. Pencils, pens, paper, spiral notebooks, construction paper, note cards, crayons, markers, glue sticks, glue bottles, rulers, and calculators are among items needed. Place donations in the box on the back table of the sanctuary.

This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, August 25 to Sunday, August 31

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4 PM.....Building Expansion Meeting

Wednesday – August 27

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

6 PMCatechism Class

Thursday – August 28

9 AMHomeschool Co-op Group

Sunday– August 31

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

10:45 AM.....Worship Service

6 PMHymn Sing



"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
ThirdMill.....	Worldwide Ministry
Tom & Teresa Wilson.....	Japan

*These missionaries have requested their last names not be ident

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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

Greeters:

This morning: (August 24): Winford Wilson & Judy Welch

Next Sunday Morning (August 31): Ralph & Debbie Reedy

Nursery:

This morning: (August 124): Ashlynn Hanford

Next Sunday Morning (August 31): Leona Fish

2025 - Tithes and Offerings

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$5697.00
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 548.07
Missions amount given last week	\$ 610.00
