



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

August 30, 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 55:22

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

(from Psalm 95)

/ Come let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the Lord

Our God our Maker /

For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture

And the sheep of His hand, Just the sheep of His hand

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

from Psalm 145

Pastor: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever.

People: *Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever.*

Pastor: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: *One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.*

Pastor: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

People: *They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.*

Pastor: They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

ALL: *The LORD is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.*

***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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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Public Confession of Sin

ALL: Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy. We recognize that we have heard in your Law difficult words, knowing how often we have offended you in thought, word and deed, not only by obvious violations, but by failing to conform to its perfect commands, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. There is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope, for where we thought we were well, we are sick in soul. Where we thought we were holy, we are in truth unholy and ungrateful. Our hearts are filled with the love of the world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you, in whose image they were created. Please forgive us for Christ's sake. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2.8-9*

* Indicates please stand if able.

A Response of Praise

Tune: Regent Square

Glory be to him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain;
glory be to him who bought us, made us kings with him to reign;
glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the Lamb that once was slain!

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" 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

Ministry to State (MTS) – George Sayour

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 14:16-23

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

Scripture context

Jonathan acts in faith to defend Israel demonstrating that nothing can hinder the Lord from saving His people.

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And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and behold, the multitude was dispersing here and there.¹⁷ Then Saul said to the people who were with him, "Count and see who has gone from us." And when they had counted, behold, Jonathan and his armor-bearer were not there.¹⁸ So Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring the ark of God here." For the ark of God went at that time with the people of Israel.¹⁹ Now while Saul was talking to the priest, the tumult in the camp of the Philistines increased more and more. So Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand."²⁰ Then Saul and all the people who were with him rallied and went into the battle. And behold, every Philistine's sword was against his fellow, and there was very great confusion.²¹ Now the Hebrews who had been with the Philistines before that time and who had gone up with them into the camp, even they also turned to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan.²² Likewise, when all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were fleeing, they too followed hard after them in the battle.²³ So the LORD saved Israel that day. And the battle passed beyond Beth-aven.

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**

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place – 468

Verse 1

My faith has found a resting place, From guilt my soul is freed
I trust the ever-living One, His wounds for me shall plead

Chorus

***I need no other argument, I need no other plea
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me***

Verse 2

Enough for me that Jesus saves, This ends my fear and doubt

* Indicates please stand if able.

A sinful soul I come to Him, He'll never cast me out

Chorus

Verse 3

My heart is leaning on the Word, The written Word of God
Salvation by my Savior's name, Salvation thru His blood

Chorus

Verse 4

My great Physician heals the sick, The lost He came to save
For me His precious blood He shed, For me His life He gave

Chorus

***I need no other argument, I need no other plea
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me***

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Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus:

***Christ alone cornerstone, Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all***

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found

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Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Chorus

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

Zechariah 9

Preaching of the Word

Prisoners of Hope

***Closing Hymn**

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Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

***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
Zechariah 9
Prisoners of Hope
Rev. George Sayour

Announcements

Ladies of Fairfield! There is a brief ladies' meeting immediately following worship today, Aug. 30th in room #3. See Linda Bauer or Robin LaGuardia for questions.

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

Join Us! Next Sunday, Sept. 6th for Communion Worship Service and our monthly potluck fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share.

ESL (English as a Second Language)

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

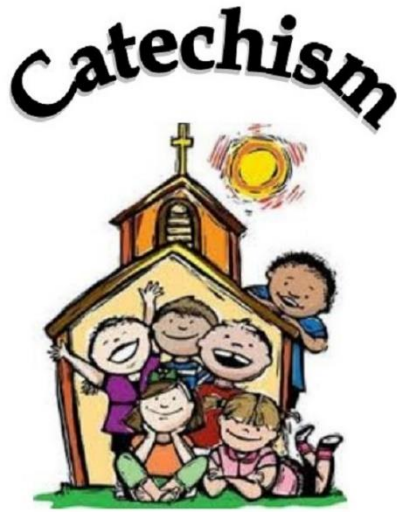
We'll teach you what you need to know to be able to help with registration night the following week!

Student Registration Night- Tuesday, September 8th, 5:15-8:00 pm

(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 help with Student Registration Night, or commit to pray, please contact Eric or Anna Coplin at 419-487-0389



Kicking off the new year with a student/parent meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd @ 6 PM. All parents are encouraged to attend as we address the new format for this upcoming year.

Catechism Class is for children ages 5-11 and run each Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 PM. 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.

Volunteers are always needed! See Ralph Reedy for more information or contact the church office @ 850-455-7245.

This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, August 31 – Sunday, September 6

Tuesday – September 1

6:30 PM.....ESL Registration Training

Wednesday – September 2

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

6 PM.....Catechism

6 PM.....Sermon In Review

Thursday – September 3

9 AM.....Homeschool Co-op

5 PMSession Meeting

Sunday – September 6

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

Time 10: 45 AM.....Communion Worship Service

Potluck Sunday Following 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 Saylor.....	Ministry to State
Robert & Lisa Stewart.....	Japan
Raimo & Annemari Survo.....	Finland
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 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	\$ 4133.31
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 615.38
Missions amount given last week	\$ 1170.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 8/28/2026	\$ 515,372.71

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