



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

August 31, 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 - 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.

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

Come let us worship and bow down

Let us kneel before the Lord

Our God our Maker

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.

* Indicates please stand if able.

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

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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

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.

*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

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 18:1-20

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

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Scripture context

The opening sentence of this chapter sets the stage. The Danites did not possess their inheritance because they had failed to believe and obey God as we saw in chapter one.

In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the people of Dan was seeking for itself an inheritance to dwell in, for until then no inheritance among the tribes of Israel had fallen to them.² So the people of Dan sent five able men from the whole number of their tribe, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to explore it. And they said to them, "Go and explore the land." And they came to the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there.³ When they were by the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young Levite. And they turned aside and said to him, "Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? What is your business here?"⁴ And he said to them, "This is how Micah dealt with me: he has hired me, and I have become his priest."⁵ And they said to him, "Inquire of God, please, that we may know whether the journey on which we are setting out will succeed."⁶ And the priest said to them, "Go in peace. The journey on which you go is under the eye of the LORD."⁷ Then the five men departed and came to Laish and saw the people who were there, how they lived in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and unsuspecting, lacking¹ nothing that is in the earth and possessing wealth, and how they were far from the Sidonians and had no dealings with anyone.⁸ And when they came to their brothers at Zorah and Eshtaol, their brothers said to them, "What do you report?"⁹ They said, "Arise, and let us go up against them, for we have seen the land, and the land."¹⁰ As soon as you go, you will come to an unsuspecting people. The land is spacious, for God has given it into your hands, a place where there is no lack of anything that is in the earth."¹¹ So 600 men of the tribe of Dan, armed with weapons of war, set out from Zorah and Eshtaol,¹² and went up and encamped at Kiriath-jearim in Judah. On this account that place is called Mahaneh-dan¹ to this day; behold, it is west of Kiriath-jearim.¹³ And they passed on from there to the hill country of Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah.¹⁴ Then the five men who had gone to scout out the country of Laish said to their brothers, "Do you know that in these houses there are an ephod, household gods, a carved image, and a metal image? Now therefore consider what you will do."¹⁵ And they turned aside there and came to

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the house of the young Levite, at the home of Micah, and asked him about his welfare.¹⁶ Now the 600 men of the Danites, armed with their weapons of war, stood by the entrance of the gate.¹⁷ And the five men who had gone to scout out the land went up and entered and took the carved image, the ephod, the household gods, and the metal image, while the priest stood by the entrance of the gate with the 600 men armed with weapons of war.¹⁸ And when these went into Micah's house and took the carved image, the ephod, the household gods, and the metal image, the priest said to them, "What are you doing?"¹⁹ And they said to him, "Keep quiet; put your hand on your mouth and come with us and be to us a father and a priest. Is it better for you to be priest to the house of one man, or to be priest to a tribe and clan in Israel?"²⁰ And the priest's heart was glad. He took the ephod and the household gods and the carved image and went along with the people.

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

* Indicates please stand if able.

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

Verse 3

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

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

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My Hope is Built on Nothing Less – 521

(The Solid Rock)

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

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Refrain

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**

Verse 3

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my Hope and Stay

Refrain

Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Refrain

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text: **John 6:22-29**

Preaching of the Word

Why Do You Seek Jesus?

***Closing Hymn**

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Not What My Hands Have Done

***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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Sermon Notes
John 6:22-29
Why Do You Seek Jesus?

1 The crowds _____ Jesus for the wrong reason, 22-26

2 Jesus _____ the seekers' motives, 27

3 Jesus _____ their mistaken notions, 28-29

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 tonight 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.



Bring your favorite dish next Sunday, Sept 7th as we celebrate our monthly **Potluck Fellowship Meal** immediately following Communion Worship Service.



Join us next Sunday, Sept. 7th as we celebrate Communion.

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.



Our **Lost and Found** box is full. Please see if we have any of your lost items. Anything not picked up will be donated.

This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, September 1 to Sunday, September 7

Tuesday – September 2

6 PM.....ESL Staff Meeting

Wednesday – September 3

5:15 PM.....Church Dinner

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

6 PMCatechism Class

Thursday – September 4

9 AMHomeschool Co-op Group

5 PM.....Session Meeting

Saturday – September 6

8 AMMen’s Fellowship

9:30 AMWomen’s Bible Study

Sunday– September 7

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

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

Potluck Immediately following 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 Saylor.....	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 31): Ralph & Debbie Reedy

Next Sunday Morning (September 7): Paul & Lyn Milne

Nursery:

This morning: (August 31): Leona Fish

Next Sunday Morning (September 7): Robin Camp

2025 - Tithes and Offerings

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$10034.00
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 548.07
Missions amount given last week	\$ 360.00
