



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

December 21, 2025
4th Sunday of Advent

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 – Luke 2:10-11

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Christmas Reflection

“Maker of the sun, he is made under the sun. In the Father he remains, from his mother he goes forth. Creator of heaven and earth, he was born on earth under heaven. Unspeakably wise, he is wisely speechless. Filling the world, he lies in a manger. Ruler of the stars, he nurses at his mother’s bosom. He is both great in the nature of God, and small in the form of a servant.” - Augustine

A Song of Gathering

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord!

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Minister: I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you.

ALL: *He is Christ the Lord!*

Minister: We praise the God of grace saying:

* Indicates please stand if able.

ALL: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.*

Minister: Let us all worship Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength proclaiming:

ALL: *Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! The incarnate Christ, Immanuel has come among us!*

***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**

Christmas Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy, in a manger lowly; Christ the Son now veiled in flesh in our humanity. Kingdoms bow before him, heav'n and earth adore him. God here in person, hail his majesty.

Verse 2

Holy, holy, holy, sings the virgin Mary; for he shall deliver us from sin's captivity. Born to heal the nations, born for our salvation, oh, magnify him, Christ the Prince of Peace.

Verse 3

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Heaven's angels sound his praise with earth and sky and sea! Join the song of triumph, glory in the highest! Let all creation crown him King of kings.

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Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reader:

The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of endless love and faithfulness. Out of darkness light shines, pointing us in hope to the One who came to overcome the darkness of this world and to be our light in the world to come.

Three weeks ago we lit the **Prophecy** candle and remembered those who first spoke the promise of the coming Christ child.

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Two weeks ago we lit the **Bethlehem** candle, a symbol of the preparations being made to receive and cradle the Christ child.



Last week we lit the **Shepherds'** candle, remembering the first in a long line of people who joyfully shared the good news of the Savior's birth.



The fourth candle on the Advent wreath is called the **Angels'** candle. It reminds us of the hope fulfilled in the first coming of our Savior and of our continuing hope as we anticipate his coming again.



From the Old Testament: Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³ And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Worship in Song with Carols of Christmas

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Once in Royal David's City

PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Corporate Confession of Sin

ALL: Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon you; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins; and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our works; and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and our willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and our neighbor. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and out of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and praise You in newness of life through the finished work of our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

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The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness....He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103.8, 10-12)

Prayers of God's People

(The pastor will lead us in prayer, reading submitted praises and requests)

ADORING GOD'S GLORY

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

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

Offertory

Children's Choir

One Small Child

***A Christmas Doxology**

(Tune: Veni Emmanuel)

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! Amen! A – men!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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***Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

***Worship in Song**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly – 216

Verse 1

Infant holy infant lowly
For His bed a cattle stall
Oxen lowing little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all
Swift are winging angels singing
Noels ringing tidings bringing
Christ the babe is Lord of all

Verse 2

Flocks were sleeping
Shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory heard the story
Tidings of a gospel true
Thus rejoicing free from sorrow
Praises voicing greet the morrow
Christ the babe was born for you

The First Noel

Verse 1

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Verse 3

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

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Verse 4

This star drew nigh to the northwest; o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there
it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.

Verse 5

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their
knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and
frankincense.

Verse 6

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord, that hath
made heav'n and earth of naught, and with his blood our life hath bought.

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

Luke 2:21-40

Preaching of the Word

Songs of Christmas – the Nunc Dimittis

*** Closing Hymn**

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Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

***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
Songs of Christmas – The Nunc Dimittis
Luke 2:21-40

1 Simeon's _____, vss. 25-28

2 Simeon's _____, vs. 29-32

3 Simeon's " _____," vss. 33-35



Poinsettias were given to the Glory of God...

- ❖ In Memory of our daughter, Kristen Michelle LaGuardia, by Pastor Ralph and Robin
- ❖ In Memory of my mother, Carol Bowers, by Bob Bowers
- ❖ In Honor of my mother, Dorothy Courington, by Kelly Bowers
- ❖ In Memory of my father, Alex Whiddon, by Cameron Whiddon
- ❖ In Memory of my mom, Dora Barnes, by Donna Peebles
- ❖ In Memory of my grama, Vera States, by Donna Peebles
- ❖ In Memory of my aunt, Mabel Vaughn, by Donna Peebles
- ❖ In Memory of my husband, Roland Jones, by Jean Jones
- ❖ In Memory of my wife, Rene Wassmer, by Douglas Wassmer
- ❖ In Memory of my son, Douglas Wassmer II, by Douglas Wassmer
- ❖ In Memory of my parents, Ron and Winnie Jackson, by T.J. Jackson
- ❖ In Honor of my puppies, Moki, Piilani, Kimoqueo, & Leo, by T.J. Jackson
- ❖ In Honor of My "Gang" ...aunties & uncles...and precious friends, by T.J. Jackson
- ❖ In Honor of my husband, Welby McArtor, by Sandra McArtor
- ❖ In Memory of my mother and father, Sherwood & Mildred Hoskins, and my brother and sister-in-law, Charles& Sandy Hammersley by Sandra McArtor
- ❖ In Memory of our son, Frank Jason Taverniti, by Joe & Nancy Taverniti
- ❖ In Memory of my grandparents, Evelyn and Martin Peebles, by Kimberlee Peebles
- ❖ In Memory of my mother, Cynthia Reedy, by Ralph Reedy
- ❖ In Memory of my mother, Nenita Soriano, by Debbie Reedy

Announcements



Building for the Future! As we begin 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)



The **mailbox** on the back table is for “postage free” mailing of your Christmas cards to your Fairfield friends. Be sure to look inside the **red** basket to find cards with your name!



Join us Wednesday, December 24th at 4:30 PM for our Christmas Eve Service and Children’s Christmas Program.



Officer Elections

The Session of Fairfield Presbyterian Church is pleased to present to the congregation 3 candidates for church leadership. Each has completed the officer training course, passed their exams, and is willing to serve.

Steven Domoslay is presented for the office of Ruling Elder. Corey Weaver and Paul Milne are presented for the office of Deacon

We will hold a brief congregational meeting on January 11, 2026, after the Worship Service to vote on these candidates. We encourage you to get to know them as you prayerfully consider how to vote. There is more information in the front foyer with specific guidelines that will help you understand the “Standards for Officers”.

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This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, December 22 to Sunday, December 28

Wednesday – December 24

4:30 PM.....Christmas Eve Service

Thursday – December 25

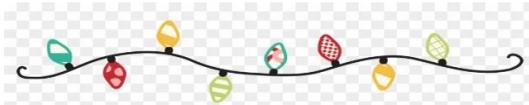
.....Merry Christmas

Sunday – December 21

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

10:45 AM.....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 28:19-20

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
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

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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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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, Brandon White and Winford Wilson.

2025 - Tithes and Offerings

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$ 3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$ 25750.52
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 548.07
Missions amount given last week	\$ 530.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 12/17/2025	\$ 301397.43

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