



# Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

# Celebration of Worship

December 28, 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 – Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, who shows to them that be in error the light of your truth, to the intent that they may return to the way of righteousness; grant to all those that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that as strangers and pilgrims they may abstain from fleshly lusts, and follow all such things as are agreeable to their holy profession; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## A Song of Gathering

### ***More Precious Than Silver***

Lord You are, More precious than silver  
Lord You are, More costly than gold  
Lord You are, More beautiful than diamonds  
And nothing I desire Compares with You

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

from Psalm 145:1-9

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

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

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

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

\* Indicates please stand if able.

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

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

Leader: 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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*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

## **Public Confession of Sin**

**All:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. My sin has been against You, although others have been hurt as well. It is against You that I have rebelled. It is against You that I have been angry – And yet it is to You that I cry for mercy! Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Even with my best intentions, sin creeps in. Against my firmest resolve, I still sin. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. Wash me, that I may be clean, fresh, and new. Cleanse me, that I may have integrity and do right from inside out. Purge me, that I be pure with a strong purity. O spotless Lamb of God, take away my sin by Your atoning sacrifice. In the name of Christ deliver me, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your deliverance. Amen.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ~ Romans 8.1-2

## **Corporate Confession of Faith – Apostles’ Creed**

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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.

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## **PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE**

### **Prayers of God's People**

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

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## **ADORING GOD'S GLORY**

### **Public Reading of Scripture**

### **Ruth 2:1-13**

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

**Scripture Context:**

*We now find Ruth and Naomi having returned from Moab to Bethlehem. It is here where Ruth will meet her kinsman redeemer – picture of our great Redeemer.*

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Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.<sup>2</sup> And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."<sup>3</sup> So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.<sup>4</sup> And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered, "The LORD bless you."<sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"<sup>6</sup> And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab."<sup>7</sup> She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."<sup>1 8</sup> Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to

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glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women.<sup>9</sup> Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn."<sup>10</sup> Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"<sup>11</sup> But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before."<sup>12</sup> The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!"<sup>13</sup> Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants."

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! Amen! A – men!  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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

## **\*Worship in Song**

### ***May the Peoples Praise You***

Verse 1

You have called us out of darkest night  
Into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of  
The risen Christ

Verse 2

May our every breath retell the grace

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That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy  
With endless life

Chorus 1

May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus

Verse 3

All the earth is Yours and all within  
Each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You  
To make Christ known

Verse 4

May the seeds of mercy grow in us  
For those who have not heard  
May songs of praise build lives of grace  
To spread Your Word

Chorus 2

May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus

Verse 5

This our holy priv'lege to declare  
Your praises and Your name  
To every nation tribe and tongue  
Your church proclaims

Chorus 3

May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus

Bridge  
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty  
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty  
All creation praise Your glorious Name

Chorus 4  
May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus  
(repeat)

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***Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery***

Verse 1  
Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Verse 2  
Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living in His suff'ring  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in Him we stand

Verse 3

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured love untold

Verse 4

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when He comes

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## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

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

**Sermon Text:** **Matthew 2:1-12**

### **Preaching of the Word**

*There are Strangers in This Place*

**\*Closing Hymn**

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*As With Gladness Men of Old*

### **\*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  
**There are Strangers in This Place**  
Matthew 2:1-12

1 \_\_\_\_\_ were these wise men?

2 \_\_\_\_\_ did Herod give them an audience?

3 \_\_\_\_\_ did they know about Messiah?

# 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! Make sure you pick yours up today after service.



**Ungreening of the church** is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9AM. Please join us as we put the Christmas decorations away until next year!

## **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 29 to Sunday, January 4

**Thursday – January 1.....Happy New Year!**

**Sunday – January 4**

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



Reverend Tim Rott will be our  
 guest speaker January 4, 2026.

*"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

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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          |
| 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.

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## **2025 - Tithes and Offerings**

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| Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount    | \$ 3321.62   |
| General, Building, etc. amount given last week    | \$ 19712.00  |
| Weekly Missions budgeted amount                   | \$ 548.07    |
| Missions amount given last week                   | \$ 1030.00   |
| Current Building Expansion Value as of 12/24/2025 | \$ 326041.43 |

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