



Fairfield
Presbyterian
Church
PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

December 7, 2025
2nd 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 – Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Reflections on Advent

The Advent season not only entails the celebration of the first coming of Christ—His incarnation, His birth—but also His second coming – His coming again to save and to judge the living and the dead.

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

Pastor: God said, Let there be light! And there was light.

* Indicates please stand if able.

People: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

Pastor: On those living in the shadow of death a light has dawned.

People: Christ came as the light of the world. Whoever follows him will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Pastor: So we come into the light of his presence to worship him saying,

ALL: We praise you, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit that you are light and in you is no darkness at all.

*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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Joy to the World

Lighting of the Advent Candle and Advent Reading



Today we relight the candle we lit last week. We called it the **Prophecy** candle because it reminds us of the promise of the coming Messiah foretold long ago by God Himself in the Garden of Eden, and then by all the Prophets of old.

We now light the **second candle** on the Advent Wreath called the **Bethlehem** candle. This candle is also called the candle of **PEACE**. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace.

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Hear now the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah 11:1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples--of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

***Worship in Song with Carols of Christmas 203**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Public Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ALL: *Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:*

* Indicates please stand if able.

*cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the motivation of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, ~ Luke 1:68-69

The Prayers of God's People

(The pastor will lead us in prayer, taking praises and requests from individuals)

ADORING GOD'S GLORY

The Giving of First Fruits

***The 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!

***Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

***Worship in Song with Carols of Christmas**

Joy Has Dawned

Verse 1

Joy has dawned upon the world; Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled; Hope for ev'ry nation

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Not with fanfares from above
Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love, Jesus born of Mary

Verse 2

Sounds of wonder fill the sky; With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life; Shelters in a stable
Hands that set each star in place; Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast
Vulnerable and helpless

Verse 3

Shepherds bow before the Lamb; Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands; Prophecy the story
Gold a King is born today; Incense God is with us
Myrrh His death will make a way
By His blood He'll win us

Verse 4

Son of Adam Son of heav'n; Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man; Christ our mighty Champion
What a Savior what a Friend; What a glorious mystery
Once a babe in Bethlehem
Now the Lord of history

Glo – ri – a in excelsis Deo
Glo – ri – a in excelsis De - o!

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What Child is This?

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?

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Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

2 Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby:
joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text: Luke 1:46-56

Preaching of the Word

Songs of Christmas – The Magnificat

***Hymn of Response and Preparation** 211

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God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

(vss. 1 & 2)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Fairfield Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive the Holy Communion with us. **If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers in the bulletin below.**

Prayer of Consecration and Confession of Sin

Distribution of the Elements

PLEASE NOTE: The cups in the outer ring contain wine; all other cups *inside* contain *grape juice*.

Please **hold the bread** and we will partake together signifying our unity in one Body; please **drink the cup upon receiving it** in acknowledgment of your personal union to Christ in His shed blood.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Closing Hymn**

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God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

(vss. 3 & 4)

***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
Songs of Christmas - The Magnificat
Luke 1:46-56

1 Mary magnifies God for what he has done for her,
_____, 46-49

2 Mary magnifies God for what he has done to others
_____, 50-53

3 Mary magnifies God for what he has done through Israel
_____, 54-55

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)

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



Save the Date! Sunday, Dec. 14th is our annual Christmas Lunch immediately following Worship Service. All are encouraged to attend for a time of fellowship and to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! See insert for more information.

***Children's bulletins are in the back of the sanctuary next to the coffee station.**

***As a reminder the following events will resume in 2026:**

Hymn Sing – January 2026
Men's Fellowship – January 2026
Women's Bible Study – January 2026
Monthly Potlucks – February 2026

This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, December 8 to Sunday, December 14

Tuesday – December 9

6 PMESL Class & Christmas Party

Wednesday – December 10

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

6 PM.....Sermon in Review

6 PMCatechism Class

Thursday – December 11

9 AMHomeschool Co-op

Sunday – December 14

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

10:45 AM.....Worship Service

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 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 28:19-20

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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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	\$ 5130.87
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 548.07
Missions amount given last week	\$ 485.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 12/3/2025	\$ 284390.34

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