



# Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

# Celebration of Worship

January 11, 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 and place it in the Offering plate to let us know of your visit.*

## Memory Verse of the Week – Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Lord of all power and might, who is the Author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of Your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*~ from the Book of Common Prayer*

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

from Psalm 66

Pastor: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

**People:** *Sing out the honor of His Name; Make His praise glorious.*

Pastor: Say to God, “How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.

**People:** *“All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You; They shall sing praises to Your Name.”*

## **\*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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***Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah***

(Psalm 148:1-13)

*(You may be seated)*

## **Public 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**

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. ~ 1 Peter 2:24-25*

### **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

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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 3:1-5**

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

#### ***Scripture Context:***

*The dark clouds of providence begin to clear as a redeemer begins to come into the picture*

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Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?<sup>2</sup> Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.<sup>3</sup> Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.<sup>4</sup> But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do."<sup>5</sup> And she replied, "All that you say I will do."

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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**

*Tune: All Creatures of Our God*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Alleluiah!

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluiah, Alleluiah, Alleluiah, Alleluiah, Alleluiah!

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

### **\*Worship in Song**

#### ***Christ is Mine Forevermore***

##### *Verse 1*

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with him. Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.

But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, his love is sure.

For Christ has paid for ev'ry failing; I am his forevermore.

##### *Verse 2*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.

Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good. But mine is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need. I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes his

work in me.

##### *Verse 3*

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way. One

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with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for his name. But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war. And he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore.

*Tag*

*And mine are keys to Zion's city where beside the King I walk. For there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore.*

***Instrumental***

*Bridge*

*/// Come rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward. Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore. ///*

And mine are keys to Zion's city where beside the King I walk.  
For there my heart has found its treasure:

*/// Christ is mine forevermore. ///*

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**I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

*Verse 1*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was: so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him my resting place, and he has made me glad.

*Verse 2*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank from that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

## ***Instrumental***

### *Verse 3*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light; look unto me; thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till pilgrim days are done.

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*(You may be seated)*

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

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

**Sermon Text:**

**John 7:40-52**

**Preaching of the Word**

***A Call for Division***

**\*Closing Hymn**

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***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

**\*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  
**A Call for Division**  
John 7: 40-52

1 A division of \_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_, 40-44

2 A division of \_\_\_\_\_ among “the \_\_\_\_\_”, 45-49

3 A division of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, 50-52

# 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)

## Officer



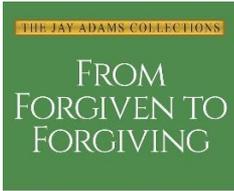
## Elections

Officer elections will be held today Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following Worship Service. If you would like more information there are available flyers in the front foyer of the sanctuary. In addition to this, there will also be a congregational meeting to present the 2026 budget,



### As a reminder the following events will resume:

- Hymn Sing – January 25, 2026
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Bible Study – February 7, 2026
- Monthly Potluck – February 1, 2026
- Women's Bible Study – February 7, 2026



JAY E. ADAMS

## New Bible Study

Join us as we start a new Bible Study on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:30 AM. The new study is titled "*From Forgiven to Forgiving*" by Jay Adams. **Start date for this study is Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.**

From the back cover of *Forgiven to Forgiving*:

- Just "forgive and forget."
- You should apologize when you mess up.
- If you forgive you will feel better.
- Don't wait until you are asked before you forgive.
- Forgive only when you are sure the offender is sincere.

If you think any of these statements are good advice, you need to read this book! Understanding what the Bible teaches about forgiveness, between those who have been forgiven much, is essential to God-honoring relationships. Sadly, many believers settle for the world's substitutes or sinfully live alienated from others because of an unwillingness to forgive as Christ has commanded.

Let Jay Adams, with his trademark clarity and vivid illustrations, help you think through what the Scriptures teach, and help you move From Forgiven to Forgiving.

Jay Adams holds a PhD from the University of Missouri and is the former director of advanced studies and professor of practical theology at Westminster Theological Seminary. He is a retired pastor who has written over 50 books on Christian living, preaching, ministry, and counseling.

We hope you are able to join us. Please see Pastor Ralph for additional questions

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# This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, January 12 – Sunday, January 18

## Monday – January 12

4 PM .....Building Expansion Committee Meeting

## Tuesday – January 13

6 PM..... ESL Classes

## Wednesday – January 14

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

6 PM.....Bible Study & Prayer

6 PM..... Children’s Catechism

## Thursday – January 15

9 AM.....Homeschool Coop Group

## Saturday – January 17

8 AM.....Men’s Breakfast Fellowship

## Sunday – January 18

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

10: 45 AM.....Worship Service

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*“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.

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## **2025 - Tithes and Offerings**

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$ 3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$ 10461.60
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 615.38
Missions amount given last week	\$ 665.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 1/7/2026	\$ 333,510.54

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