



# Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

# Celebration of Worship

January 25, 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 to let us know of your visit.*

## Memory Verse of the Week – 1 John 4:8

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

from Psalm 5

Pastor: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; early in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

**All: *You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence I will bow down toward you.***

Pastor: Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Shelter them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

**All: *For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.***

## \*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.*

\* Indicates please stand if able.

***Our God, Our Help in Ages Past***

*(from Psalm 90)*

Verses 1-4, & 7

**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**

**The Declaration of Pardon**

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ~ 1 John 1:8-9*

**A Response of Praise**

**Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

**Corporate Confession of Faith –**

***The Apostles' Creed in Song - #742***

*(Tune: Ripley – Hallelujah Praise Jehovah-#57)*

1 I believe in God the Father, Maker of all heav'n and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son, of matchless worth;  
by the Spirit was conceiv-ed, of the virgin Mary born,  
he in whom I have believe-ed: God Almighty, Three in One.

2 Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, for me he died;  
laid within the grave so silent, gates of hell he opened wide;

for the stone-sealed tomb was empty; on the third day he arose;  
into heaven made his entry, mighty conqu'ror of his foes.

3 At God's right hand he is seated till his coming, as he said;  
final judgment will be meted to the living and the dead;  
I confess the Holy Spirit who was sent through Christ the Son  
to apply salvation's merit -God, the Spirit, Three in One.

4 I believe the church of Jesus, universal, e'er remains;  
we are one through all the ages, in communion of the saints.  
I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised  
to eternal life in heaven: ever let his name be praised.

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## **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)*

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## **ADORING GOD'S GLORY**

### **Public Reading of Scripture**

**Ruth 4:1- 12**

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

#### **Scripture Context:**

*Boaz pursues and accomplishes the redemption of his bride, paving the way for the  
Greater Kinsman Redeemer who would come from their offspring David*

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Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So, Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. 2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. 3 Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. 4 So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me,

\* Indicates please stand if able.

that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it." 5 Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." 6 Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it." 7 Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. 8 So when the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," he drew off his sandal. 9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. 10 Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day." 11 Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, 12 and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman."

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.

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## Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

### \*Worship in Song

#### *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

##### *Verse 1*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was: weary, and worn, and sad; I found in him a 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 of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

##### *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 trav'ling days are done.

*Words:* Horatius Bonar, 1850

*Music:* English melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

#### ***Ancient of Days***

##### *Verse 1*

Though the nations rage  
Kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King  
Reigning over all

So I will not fear for this truth remains:  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

##### **Chorus**

**None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory**

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**I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days**

Verse 2

Though the dread of night  
Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me  
I am not alone  
O His love is sure and He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

**Chorus**

Verse 3

Though I may not see  
What the future brings  
I will watch and wait  
For the Saviour King  
Then my joy complete standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

**Chorus**

**None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days**

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## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

John 8:12- 20

### Preaching of the Word

*The Witness of Jesus' Light*

\*Closing Hymn

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*The Light of the World is Jesus*

### \*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



*As part of our fundraising efforts for the new Fellowship Hall we are using a program called **RaiseRight**. We briefly covered how this program works at the last congregational meeting and have been adding inserts to the bulletin explaining what it is and how to join.*

*If anyone would like to participate in the program and would like some help setting up their **RaiseRight** account, we are planning to have several people who can show you how to do it. During our next fellowship meal on February 1, 2026, we will be going around to each table to ensure that anyone who needs help getting signed up is offered the help that they might need. Please direct any questions to our director Paul Milne or our co-director Ralph Reedy.*

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Sermon Notes  
*The Witness of Jesus' Light*  
John 8:12-20

1 Jesus makes another great \_\_\_\_\_, v12

2 The Pharisees \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' claim, v13

3 Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His claim, 14-20

# 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)

***Bring Your Calendars!*** All Fairfield ladies are invited to a short meeting today in Room #3 immediately following the worship service. Many exciting events are happening this spring and we value your input.



***Join us!*** Next Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, as we resume our monthly Fellowship Potluck meal. Bring your favorite dish to share!

Join us for a new Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. The new study is titled "**From Forgiven to Forgiving**" by Jay Adams. Please see Pastor Ralph or one of our Elders for any questions.



JAY E. ADAMS

## **The Following** **Saturday, February**



## **Bible Studies will resume** **7<sup>th</sup>**

***Men's Bible Study*** begins at 8 AM. They are currently going through **Screwtape Letters** by C.S. Lewis. This study is every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Please see Pastor Ralph for questions.

***Women's Bible Study*** begins at 9:30 AM. They will continue the study of **Disciplines of A Godly Woman** by Barbara Hughes. This study is also the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month immediately following Men's Study. Please see Linda Bauer or Robin LaGuardia for any questions.

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# This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, January 26 – Sunday, February 1

## Tuesday – January 27

6 PM..... ESL Classes

## Wednesday – January 28

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

6 PM.....Bible Study & Prayer

6 PM..... Children’s Catechism

## Thursday – January 29

9 AM.....Homeschool Coop Group

## Sunday – February 1

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

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

Potluck Fellowship Meal immediately following 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 Saylor..... 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, Steven Domoslay, Paul Milne, Corey Weaver, 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	\$ 7307.00
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 615.38
Missions amount given last week	\$ 615.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 1/23/2026	\$ 349,904.56

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