



Fairfield
Presbyterian
Church
PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

January 4, 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 – Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

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 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.

PETITIONING GOD’S PROVIDENCE

Prayers of God’s People

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

* Indicates please stand if able.

Public Reading of Scripture

Ruth 2:14-23

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

Scripture Context:

Ruth meets her kinsman redeemer – a picture of our great Redeemer.

And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine." So, she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over.¹⁵ When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her."¹⁶ And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah¹ of barley.¹⁸ And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied.¹⁹ And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So, she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz."²⁰ And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers."²¹ And Ruth the Moabite said, "Besides, he said to me, 'You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.'"²² And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted."²³ So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: *Thanks be to God.*

* Indicates please stand if able.

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

Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

*The Doxology

(Tune: As the Hart)

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.

*Worship in Song

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
What holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

**O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death**

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Verse 3

Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives

* Indicates please stand if able.

And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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There Is A Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus:

***Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your son,
and leaving your spirit 'til the work on earth is done.***

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

(chorus)

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face.
There I'll serve my King forever, In that holy place.

(chorus)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading:

1 Peter 2:1-11

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

The Precious

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Preparation

Before the Throne of God Above/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
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2 When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

3 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
I sacrifice them to his blood.

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 and pray.

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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

Before the Throne of God Above/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

4 Behold him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.

5 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*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
The Precious
1 Peter 2:1-11

I _____ is He Precious?

II _____ is He Precious?

III _____ is He Precious?

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)

ESL (English as a Second language) Volunteer Meeting

There will be a dinner meeting this Tuesday, January 6th, from 6-8pm for anyone who would like to serve in ESL or just learn about this ministry of our church. Come hear how God is working! Please contact Eric or Anna Coplin at [\(419\)487-0389](tel:4194870389) if you are interested in attending the meeting.



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

Officer Elections will be held next Sunday, January 11th. If you would like more information thee 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:

Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Bible Study- January 17, 2026

Hymn Sing – January 25, 2026

Monthly Potluck – February 1, 2026

Women's Bible Study – February 7, 2026

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This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, January 5 – Sunday, January 11

Tuesday – January 6

6 PM ESL Meeting & Dinner

Wednesday – January 7

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

6 PM.....Bible Study & Prayer

6 PM..... Children’s Catechism

Thursday – January 8

5 PM.....Session Meeting

Saturday – January 10

9 AM.....Ungreening of the Church

Sunday – January 11

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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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	\$ 10461.60
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 548.07
Missions amount given last week	\$ 500.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 12/31/2025	\$ 326041.43

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