



# Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

# Celebration of Worship

July 26, 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 – Isaiah 35:4

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

We beseech You, Almighty God, look upon the heart desires of Your humble servants, and as You have enlightened us with the knowledge of Your truth, so enable us to walk as children of the light, and to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness; that bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit, in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, we may be ever under Your Divine protection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## Choral Introit

### *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

/ Open the eyes of my heart Lord; Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You; I want to see You /

To see You high and lifted up; Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love; And we'll sing holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy  
/ I want to see You /

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## Call to Worship

**from Psalm 111**

**Pastor:** Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

**People:** *in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

\* Indicates please stand if able.

Pastor: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

**People:** *Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.*

Pastor: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

**People:** *the LORD is gracious and merciful.*

### **\*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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*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

### **Public Confession of Sin**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.

Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law.

Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 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**

(This is a response of praise in song to the good news that all who have believed in Jesus for salvation have the assurance that God has forgiven our sins)

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.

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## 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.<sup>1</sup> 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 universal<sup>2</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>1</sup> Some versions of the Creed omit this phrase; it was inserted to affirm the reality of Christ's physical death;

<sup>2</sup> Traditionally "catholic;" it comes from the Greek word "katholikos" which means universal. To avoid confusion with the Roman Catholic church we have substituted the word universal

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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

### 1 Samuel 12:16-25

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

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#### Scripture Context:

*After Samuel made his case showing the people's wickedness in asking for a king, Samuel invokes a confirming sign. As a result the people acknowledge their sin with repentance.*

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Now therefore stand still and see this great thing that the LORD will do before your eyes.<sup>17</sup> Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call upon the LORD, that he may send thunder and rain. And you shall know and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking for yourselves a king."<sup>18</sup> So Samuel called upon the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day, and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.<sup>19</sup> And all the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask for ourselves a king."<sup>20</sup> And Samuel said to the people, "Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil. Yet do

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not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart.  
<sup>21</sup> And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty. <sup>22</sup> For the LORD will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself. <sup>23</sup> Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. <sup>24</sup> Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you. <sup>25</sup> But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king."

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.

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

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

#### ***Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)***

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed

#### ***Chorus:***

***My chains are gone I've been set free, My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love amazing grace***

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures

#### ***Chorus:***

***/ My chains are gone I've been set free, My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love amazing grace /***

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The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below, Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine; You are forever mine

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***Run And Run (Christ Is All My Righteousness)***

*Verse 1*

*Run and run the law demands; But gives me neither feet nor hands  
Better news the gospel brings; It bids me fly it gives me wings*

*Verse 2*

*Bearing shame and all my sin; There in my place He stood condemned  
Here I stand now justified; My guilt is His, His grace is mine*

***Chorus 1***

***Praise the Lord, Oh my soul praise the Lord  
Now and forevermore my heart confess  
Christ is all my righteousness; Christ is all my righteousness***

*Verse 3*

*My accuser he may roar; Of countless sins that I have done  
These I know and thousands more; Behold my God He knows not one*

***Chorus 1***

***Praise the Lord, Oh my soul praise the Lord  
Now and forevermore my heart confess  
Christ is all my righteousness; Christ is all my righteousness***

*Verse 4*

*When I stand before the throne, There dressed in beauty not my own  
Then Lord shall I fully know; Not til that day how much I owe*

***Chorus 1***

***Praise the Lord, Oh my soul praise the Lord  
Now and forevermore my heart confess  
Christ is all my righteousness;***

***Chorus 2***

***Praise the Lord, Oh my soul praise the Lord  
For now this sinner's heart has found its rest  
Christ is all my righteousness, Christ is all my righteousness***

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## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

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

**Sermon Text:**

**John 12:36-43**

### **Preaching of the Word**

*How Could They Not Believe?*

**\* Closing Hymn**

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*Marvelous Grace of our Loving Lord*

### **\*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**  
John 12:36-43  
**How Could They Not Believe**

1 The \_\_\_\_\_ of unbelief, 36-37

2 The \_\_\_\_\_ of their unbelief, 38-41

3 The \_\_\_\_\_ to their unbelief, 42-43



## GiveBack Program

As a reminder Christianbook has partnered with us to help generate funds to support our expansion project.

For every purchase you make Fairfield earns 4% of that toward the Fellowship Hall.

It's Back to School and what better way to shop for your family and help give back to the church.

You can link your account by texting GIVEBACK to 95498 and registering with the church's **ORGANIZATION ID NLOVPG** or **simply use the QR Code below.**



## Announcements



**Building for the Future!** As we continue with 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. 9:6-7)

**2027 VBS Meeting** Immediately following worship service today, July 26<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers in all areas. Please attend a brief meeting if you are interested in helping. See Judy Adkins.

**Communion & Potluck Fellowship** is scheduled for next Sunday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Join us for Communion service immediately followed with our monthly fellowship meal. Bring your favorite dish to share.



Join us Sunday, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, as we celebrate the high school graduation of **Sam Fogarty**. If you would like to give him a card or congratulate him, there will be a table set up for him during the fellowship meal.

**New Ladies Bible Study** titled "Growing Together" by Melissa B Kruger is starting August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. See Robin LaGuardia or Linda Bauer.

**New Adult Sunday School study coming soon!** You are invited for an 8-week video series by Joel Kim over the book of Colossians. More info to come on start date. See Pastor Ralph for additional questions.

**Men of Fairfield** are invited to start a new Bible study with Pastor Ralph. The study is titled "How to Lead Your Family-A Guide for Men Wanting to be More" by Joel Beeke. This study will begin Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8AM. A light breakfast is provided. Men's study is every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each mon

**This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church**  
***Monday, July 27 – Sunday, August 2***

***Wednesday – July 29***

6 PM.....Sermon In Review

***Sunday – August 2***

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

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

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**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          |
| Jim & Claudia Jung.....        | Australasia        |
| 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

# 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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## **2026 - Tithes and Offerings**

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| Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount   | \$ 3321.62    |
| General, Building, etc. amount given last week   | \$ 12479.43   |
| Weekly Missions budgeted amount                  | \$ 615.38     |
| Missions amount given last week                  | \$ 570.00     |
| Current Building Expansion Value as of 7/25/2026 | \$ 488,000.22 |

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