



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

March 22, 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 Peter 1:18

Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Blessed Lord, whose only Son our Savior Jesus Christ has once suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to You our God: We beseech You, that as we are baptized into His death, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and at last through the grave, and gate of death, pass to our joyful resurrection: For His merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choral Introit

Thou Art Worthy

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy O Lord
To receive glory, glory and honor
Glory and honor and pow'r

For Thou hast created, Hast all things created
For Thou hast created all things
And for Thy pleasure they are created
Thou art worthy O Lord

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

from Psalm 95

* Indicates please stand if able.

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

Pastor: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: *In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.*

Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

All: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

Pastor: For he is our God,

All: *and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

***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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The Mighty God, The Lord

(Psalm 50:1-6, Scottish Psalter, 1650)

Public Confession of Sin

All: *Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Yet we have too often chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words, and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us.*

In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with you, whose love is better than life and whom to know is life itself. In so doing, we have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes

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deliberately, and have diminished their lives. In so doing, we have damaged ourselves who were created to reflect your beauty.

Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake. And grant that your resurrection power might course through our entire being that we might walk in the ways of love and justice, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ~ Hebrews 2.14-15

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.

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.¹

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 universal² church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

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

Testimony of God's Work

Prayers of God's People

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

ADORING GOD'S GLORY

Public Reading of Scripture

1 Samuel 2:27-36

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

Scripture Context:

The Lord rejects the household of Eli from serving as priests and foretells of a day when He will raise up a faithful priest – which is ultimately fulfilled in Jesus, our great High Priest.

And there came a man of God to Eli and said to him, "Thus the LORD has said, 'Did I indeed reveal myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt subject to the house of Pharaoh?'²⁸ Did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? I gave to the house of your father all my offerings by fire from the people of Israel.²⁹ Why then do you scorn my sacrifices and my offerings that I commanded, and honor your sons above me by fattening yourselves on the choicest parts of every offering of my people Israel?'³⁰ Therefore the LORD the God of Israel declares: 'I promised that your house and the house of your father should go in and out before me forever,' but now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from me, for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed.'³¹ Behold, the days are coming when I will cut off your strength and the strength of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house.³² Then in distress you will look with envious eye on all the prosperity that shall be bestowed on Israel, and there shall not be an old man in your house forever.³³ The only one of you whom I shall not cut off from my altar shall be spared to weep his eyes out to grieve his heart, and all the descendants of your house shall die by the sword of men.'³⁴ And this that shall come upon your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, shall be the sign to you: both of them shall die on the same day.³⁵ And I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. And I will build him a

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sure house, and he shall go in and out before my anointed forever.³⁶ And everyone who is left in your house shall come to implore him for a piece of silver or a loaf of bread and shall say, "Please put me in one of the priests' places, that I may eat a morsel of bread."''''

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;¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. ~Proverbs 3:9-10

***The Doxology**

Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him with humbleness!
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

***Worship in Song**

He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; for my love is often cold: he must hold me fast.

Chorus

He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so—
he will hold me fast.

Verse 2

Those he saves are his delight; Christ will hold me fast; precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last; bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

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Verse 3

For my life he bled and died— Christ will hold me fast; justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast. Raised with him to endless life— he will hold me fast, till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last!

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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 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 (2 times)

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

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.

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

John 10:1-10

Preaching of the Word

The Proverb of the Good Shepherd

*** Closing Hymn**

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Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

***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

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)



Baby Bottles due today, Mar. 22nd. Make checks payable to Safe Harbor. See Robin Camp for additional questions.



Join us next Sunday, Mar. 29th as we celebrate our monthly Hymn Sing at 6 PM in the main sanctuary.

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Sermon Notes
The Proverb of the Good Shepherd
John 10:1-10

1 _____ to the shepherd theme

2 _____ of the shepherd theme

3 _____ from the shepherd theme



Here in our community, 1 in 5 people are experiencing poverty... and that means many of our neighbors are also going hungry, struggling to afford food as prices rise.

But here's the good news: YOU can provide a meal at Waterfront for the low cost of \$2.75 – and offer hurting people hope for a better life through blessings like these:

- Safe shelter
- Clean clothing
- Recovery programs & counseling
- God's life-changing love

Please help today – the hope you'll give someone who's homeless, hungry, and hurting is priceless. Thank you, and Happy Easter!

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This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, March 23 – Sunday, March 29

Tuesday – March 24

6 PM.....ESL Class

Wednesday – March 25

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

6 PM.....Bible Study & Prayer

6 PM.....Catechism Class

Thursday – March 26

9 AM.....Homeschool Co-op

Sunday – March 29

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

10:45 AM.....Worship Service

6 PM.....Hymn Sing

"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
Jim & Claudia Jung..... Australasia
Patrick & Regina Lennox..... Native Americans
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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 Deacons: Doug Wassmer, Byron Bauer, Matt Bacchieri, Steven Domoslay, Paul Milne, Corey Weaver, Brandon White, and Winford Wilson.

2026 - Tithes and Offerings

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$ 3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$ 4715.07
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 615.38
Missions amount given last week	\$ 535.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 3/20/2026	\$ 361,477.95

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