



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

March 8, 2025

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 – Acts 4:12

And there is salvation in no one, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

From Psalm 96:7-13

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

All: *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!*

Pastor: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!

All: *Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."*

Pastor: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

All: *Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.*

* Indicates please stand if able.

***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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God, The Lord, A King Remaineth

(From Psalm 93)

Public Confession of Sin

All: *O Lord, we want to enter your presence, worshipping you face to face, awed by your majesty, greatness, and glory; yet encouraged by love.*

There is a coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward you, and an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for you. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme with us; in every thought, word, and deed.

Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to you, and always clings to the cross. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ Romans 5:1

A Response of Praise

(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)

Father, we love You; we worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name; Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

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

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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

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)

ADORING GOD'S GLORY

Public Reading of Scripture

1 Samuel 2:12-21

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

Scripture Context

After Hannah offers her song of thanksgiving for her son Samuel, the narrative turns to show how the spiritual decline of the people of Israel continues

Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the LORD.¹³ The custom of the priests with the people was that when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant would come, while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand,¹⁴ and he would thrust it into the pan or kettle or cauldron or pot. All that the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is what they did at Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.¹⁵ Moreover, before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give meat for the priest to roast, for he will not accept boiled meat from you but only raw."¹⁶ And if the man said to him, "Let them burn the fat first, and then take as much as you wish," he would say, "No, you must give it now, and if not, I will take it by force."¹⁷ Thus the sin of the young men was very great in the sight of the LORD, for the men treated the offering of the LORD with contempt.¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a

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boy clothed with a linen ephod.¹⁹ And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD give you children by this woman for the petition she asked of the LORD." So then they would return to their home.²¹ Indeed the LORD visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the young man Samuel grew in the presence of the LORD.

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**

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**

In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song; this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm thro' the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe, this gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For ev'ry sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.

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Then bursting forth in glorious day— up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am
his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in me. From
life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of
hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand. Till he returns
or calls me home: here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Christ the True and Better

Verse 1

Christ, the true and better Adam, Son of God and Son of man, who,
when tempted in the garden, never yielded, never sinned. He who
makes the many righteous brings us back to life again. Dying, he
reversed the curse; then rising crushed the serpent's head.

Chorus

**Amen, amen, from beginning to end. Christ the story, his the glory;
alleluia, amen.**

Verse 2

Christ, the true and better Isaac, humble Son of sacrifice, who would
climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up his life. Laid with faith
upon the altar, father's joy and only son; there salvation was provided,
oh, what full and boundless love.

Verse 3

Christ, the true and better Moses, called to lead a people home,
standing bold to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known. With his
arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two; see, the veil
is torn forever, cleansed with blood we pass now through.

Verse 4

Christ, the true and better David, lowly shepherd, mighty king. He the
champion in the battle; where, O death, is now thy sting? In our place

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he bled and conquered; crown him Lord of majesty. His shall be the throne forever; we shall e'er his people be.

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

John 9:13-34

Preaching of the Word

Jesus and the Blind Man – Part 2

***Closing Hymn**

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I Know Whom I Have Believed

***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
Jesus and the Blind Man - Part 2
John 9:13-34

1 The _____ nature of legalism, 13-17

2 The _____ nature of unbelief, 18-23

3 The _____ nature of unbelievers, 24-34

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)

- ❖ Due to unforeseen circumstances, George Sayour, our previously scheduled guest speaker, will not be able to attend today. More info to follow on a future date.
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Catechism will be holding a brief parent/teacher meeting today, Mar. 8th immediately following worship service. If you are interested in having your child join us, please see Ralph Reedy for additional information.



Baby bottles are available for pick up on the back table of the sanctuary. This has been extended through Sunday, Mar. 22nd. Please return bottles no later than Mar. 22nd. See Robin Camp for more information.



ESL will be holding an Easter card making event at the home of Kristy Shaffer on Monday, Mar. 16th at 10AM. Lunch is provided. See Anna Coplin for more information.

- ❖ The **Craft Ministry** will be making jewelry brooches at Nancy Taverniti's home on Tuesday Mar. 10th at 10AM. See Donna Peebles for additional information.
- ❖ **Reminder:** *There are children's bulletins located in the back sanctuary near the coffee and tea station*



Pop Tabs

Save your pop tabs and bring them to the church. Once we collect a good amount, we bring them to the Ronald McDonald House. They, in turn, take the tabs and raise money toward their mission of helping families.

Ronald McDonald House is a charity in Northwest Florida. They provide essential services which help strengthen families and promote healing when children need healthcare. Their purpose is to care for families with children who are ill, injured, and their vision is to see a world where every family has what they need to ensure the best health outcomes for their children.

Fairfield Presbyterian Church has been blessed to be part of this ministry by donating pop tabs to raise money toward these efforts.



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This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, March 9 – Sunday, March 15

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4 PMBuilding Committee Meeting

Tuesday – March 10

6 PM..... ESL Classes

Wednesday – March 11

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

6 PM.....Bible Study & Prayer

6 PM.....Catechism Class

Thursday – March 12

9 AM.....Homeschool Co-op

5 PM.....Session Meeting

Saturday – March 14

10:30 AM.....Kimi Peebles Shower

Sunday – March 15

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
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

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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, 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	\$ 5307.35
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 615.38
Missions amount given last week	\$ 1465.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 3/6/2026	\$ 368,297.83

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