



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

May 17, 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 – Psalm 51:10-11

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, who has made a covenant of unspeakable grace and mercy with us in Christ Jesus and conveyed to us therein a heavenly inheritance upon sincere obedience to His commands, which is our reasonable service: Grant that we evermore rejoice in You, and walk worthy of our holy calling; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Choral Introit

I Love You Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you. O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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Call to Worship

from Psalm 118

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good and his love endures forever.

All: *Let those who fear the LORD say, "His love endures forever."*

Pastor: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.

* Indicates please stand if able.

All: *I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.*

Pastor: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.

All: *You are our God, and we will give you thanks: you are our God, and we will exalt you.*

***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; Scottish Psalter, 1650)

Public Confession of Sin

ALL: Holy Father, whose eyes cannot look upon iniquity, and who cannot tolerate wrong, but who also loves us and sent Your Son to save us from our sins, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have not done. Forgive us, and grant to us the heartfelt knowledge that You have cleansed us of all our sin through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. ~ **Psalm 130:7**

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

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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" which 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 7:1-15

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

Scripture Context:

The ark of God had finally been returned after the Philistines had captured it. But the physical presence of the ark was not enough to keep them from once again to the Baals and the Ashtaroths. The people confess their sin and God once again delivers them.

And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill. And they consecrated his son Eleazar to have charge of the ark of the LORD. ² From the day that the ark was lodged at Kiriath-jearim, a long time passed, some twenty years, and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD. ³ And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the LORD with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your heart to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." ⁴ So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and they served the LORD only. ⁵ Then Samuel said, "Gather all Israel at Mizpah, and I will pray to the LORD for you." ⁶ So they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before the LORD and fasted on that day and said there, "We have sinned against the LORD." And Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah. ⁷ Now when the Philistines heard that the people of Israel had gathered at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the people of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines. ⁸ And the people of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the LORD our God for us, that he may save us from the hand

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of the Philistines." ⁹ So Samuel took a nursing lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. And Samuel cried out to the LORD for Israel, and the LORD answered him. ¹⁰ As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel. But the LORD thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were routed before Israel. ¹¹ And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines and struck them, as far as below Beth-car. ¹² Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, "Till now the LORD has helped us." ¹³ So the Philistines were subdued and did not again enter the territory of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. ¹⁴ The cities that the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath, and Israel delivered their territory from the hand of the Philistines. There was peace also between Israel and the Amorites. ¹⁵ Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

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**

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

***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***

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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Who You Say I Am

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King, would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in, Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

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Chorus

***Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am***

Verse 2

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me

Chorus

***Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am
In my Father's house, there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes, I am***

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am

Chorus

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am
/ In my Father's house, there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes, I am /

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

Preaching of the Word

Matthew 11:25-30

Come Here for Rest

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Jesus, Lover of My Soul

***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

Matthew 11:25-30

Come Here for Rest

Announcements



Building for the Future! As we continue 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 will be holding a staff/volunteer meeting Tuesday, May 19th @ 6PM. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, see Eric or Anna Coplin



Join us Saturday, May 30th at 6 PM

As part of our ongoing efforts toward Fairfield's Fellowship Hall, we are excited to have Pensacola's own ***String Farm Band*** perform for us on Saturday, May 30th at 6 PM.

They are a staple to our area known for their high energy musicianship, and soulful sounds. They have a unique mix of bluegrass and gospel music and have made appearances at the *Bluegrass Festival* and *Bands On The Beach*.

We encourage everyone to come out and listen to *String Farm Band's* lively tunes. *****Please note this is a Love Offering event**

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This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, May 18 – Sunday, May 24

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4 PM.....Building Committee Meeting

Tuesday – May 19

6 PM.....ESL Staff/Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday – May 20

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

6 PM.....Bible Study & Prayer

6 PM.....Catechism Class

Thursday – May 21

9:30 AM.....Missions Committee Meeting

Sunday – May 24

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 Saylor.....	Ministry to State
Robert & Lisa Stewart.....	Japan
Raimo & Annemari Survo.....	Finland
Cosmo & Susette Tomaselli.....	Romania & Moldova
ThiridMill.....	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	\$ 3906.88
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 615.38
Missions amount given last week	\$ 370.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 5/16/2026	\$ 452,159.59

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