



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

May 24, 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 3:15-16

“but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.”

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty and everlasting God, who is always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy; forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

/ Come let us worship and bow down

Let us kneel before the Lord Our God our Maker /

For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture
And the sheep of His hand, Just the sheep of His hand

Call to Worship

from Psalm 27:1-4

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: *The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

Pastor: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

* Indicates please stand if able.

All: *Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.*

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

All: *...that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my
life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his
temple.*

***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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Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(from Psalm 103)

Public Confession of Sin

ALL: Eternal & Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your Holy Majesty that we are poor, wretched sinners.

We were conceived and born into guilt and corruption, and we are prone to do evil. We transgress, without end, your holy commandments. We have drawn upon ourselves your just sentence of condemnation. But Lord, with deep and heartfelt sorrow, we repent of our offenses. O Lord, have mercy upon us, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Remove our guilt and pollution and grant us the daily increase of your blessed Holy Spirit that we may mortify sin and produce the fruits of holiness. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ~Isaiah 55:7

A Response of Praise

Tune: Regent Square

*Glory be to him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain;
glory be to him who bought us, made us kings with him to reign;
glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the Lamb that once was slain!*

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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.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

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 8:1-9

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

Scripture Context:

The era of the judges is coming to an end as Samuel grows old. His sons do not walk in his ways so the people ask for a king so they could be like all the other nations.

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. ² The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. ³ Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice. ⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah ⁵ and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. ⁷ And the LORD said to

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Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.⁸ According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you.⁹ Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

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**

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything, No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
/ Why should I gain from His reward, I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom /

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Here is Love

Verse 1

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood: when the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood. Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise? He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

Verse 2

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide. Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above. Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Verse 3

On the morn of resurrection, mercy filled the thirsty grave; where the stone of death burst open, springs of life flowed unrestrained. Love no heart could ever measure, joy no sorrows will outrun, rush upon the soul believing in the risen, reigning Son.

Verse 4

Oh, this love, vast love of Jesus, bids us come and drink and live. To this weary world of longing, what more could our Savior give? Now to Christ who fully loved us, and who freed us from our sin, be all glory and dominion, everlasting praise to him.

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Behold What Manner Of Love

/ Behold what manner of love, The Father has given unto us /

That we should be called, The sons of God
That we should be called
The sons of God

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

John 11:28-37

Preaching of the Word

Jesus Wept

***Closing Hymn**

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O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

***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 11:28-37

Jesus Wept

1 Mary's and Martha's shared _____, 28-32

2 Jesus' _____ response to Mary's grief, 33-35

3 The crowd's _____ assessment, 36-37

Announcements



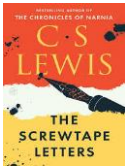
Building for the Future! As we continue our building campaign for a new church fellowship hall that will expand ministry opportunities, please prayerfully consider if God would have you give above your regular tithe or offering. (2 Cor. 9:7)



We are getting a new sound system, and the church is looking for dedicated volunteers to run it. There is training involved. If you are interested in helping, please see Pastor Ralph!



Calling all bakers! The Building Expansion Committee is asking for volunteers to bake goodies for the String Farm Event Saturday, May 30th. See Melissa Fell for additional questions.



Men's Bible Study is meeting Saturday, June 6th and will begin at 8AM. They are currently going through **Screw Tape Letters** by C. S. Lewis. This study is every 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Please see Pastor Ralph for questions. It's not too late to join.

Wednesday Night Events



Church-wide dinner is served each Wednesday night from 5:15-6PM before Bible study begins. We encourage all to attend.



Bible Study is held each Wednesday night at 6PM. Pastor Ralph leads an interactive study where the previous Sunday's sermon is discussed in-depth. A time of prayer follows Bible study. See Pastor Ralph for more information.

Fundraiser



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**

This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, May 18 – Sunday, May 24

Wednesday – May 27

5:15 PM.....Church-wide Dinner
6 PM.....Bible Study & Prayer
6 PM.....Catechism Class

Saturday – May 30

6 PM.....String Farm Band Event

Sunday – May 31

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
ThiridMill	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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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	\$ 6387.20
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 615.38
Missions amount given last week	\$ 880.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 5/22/2026	\$ 460,116.10

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