



Fairfield
Presbyterian
Church
PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

May 3, 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 – Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Choral Introit

*I Will Enter His Gates
(Ps. 100:4; 118:24)*

I will enter His gates With thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with praise
I will say this is the day That the Lord has made
I will rejoice For He has made me glad

He has made me glad; He has made me glad
I will rejoice for He has made me glad
He has made me glad; He has made me glad
I will rejoice for He has made me glad

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Call to Worship

from Psalm 98

* Indicates please stand if able.

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

People: *His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.*

Pastor: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

People: *He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.*

Pastor: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

***Invocation and Adoration**

***Worship in Song**

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Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord
(from Psalm 98, ARP Psalter)

Public Confession of Sin

All: We confess to you, Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we have so often forgotten your precepts. We have neglected your Word and your commands. We have decided for ourselves what we want to do rather than what you want us to do. We have not been attentive to your Word when it is read and preached. When we hear it, too often it does not reach our hearts. We are truly sorry for our ways. Make us truly contrite, and give us grace to amend our ways. Grant us a delight in hearing and doing your Word, and let us do it for your Glory. We ask all this in the name of the Living Word, Christ our Savior. 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

(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)

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... Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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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

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 6:1-9

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

Scripture Context:

After seven months of God’s judgments on the Philistines, they send away the ark of God back to the Israelites along with some superstitious offerings.

The ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months.² And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners and said, "What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us with what we shall send it to its place."³ They said, "If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it empty, but by all means return him a guilt offering. Then you will be healed, and it will be known to you why his hand does not turn away from you."⁴ And they said, "What is the

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guilt offering that we shall return to him?" They answered, "Five golden tumors and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines, for the same plague was on all of you and on your lords.⁵ So you must make images of your tumors and images of your mice that ravage the land, and give glory to the God of Israel. Perhaps he will lighten his hand from off you and your gods and your land.⁶ Why should you harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? After he had dealt severely with them, did they not send the people away, and they departed?⁷ Now then, take and prepare a new cart and two milk cows on which there has never come a yoke, and yoke the cows to the cart, but take their calves home, away from them.⁸ And take the ark of the LORD and place it on the cart and put in a box at its side the figures of gold, which you are returning to him as a guilt offering. Then send it off and let it go its way⁹ and watch. If it goes up on the way to its own land, to Bethshemesh, then it is he who has done us this great harm, but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that struck us; it happened to us by coincidence."

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 (Tune: As the Hart)**

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.

***Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

***Worship in Song**

His Glory and My Good

Verse 1

I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should

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Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

Verse 2

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

Chorus 1

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good

Verse 3

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

Chorus

Instrumental

Verse 4

Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

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Chorus 2

/To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good /

Yes I know His glory is my good

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Day by Day

Verse 1

Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here; trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear. He whose heart is kind beyond all measure gives unto each day what he deems best— lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.

Verse 2

Ev'ry day the Lord himself is near me with a special mercy for each hour; all my cares he fain would bear and cheer me, he whose name is Counselor and Pow'r. The protection of his child and treasure is a charge that on himself he laid; "As your days, your strength shall be in measure," this the pledge to me he made.

Verse 3

Help me then in ev'ry tribulation so to trust your promises, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet consolation offered me within your holy word. Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, e'er to take as from a father's hand, one by one, the days, the moments fleeting, till I reach the promised land.

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

John 11:1-16

Preaching of the Word

It is for the Glory of God

*Hymn of Response and Preparation

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It is Well with My Soul
(verses 1-2)

COMING TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Fairfield Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive the Holy Communion with us. **If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate and reflect on Christ's sacrifice on the cross.**

Prayer of Consecration and Confession of Sin

Distribution of the Elements

PLEASE NOTE: The cups in the outer ring contain wine; all other cups *inside* contain *grape juice*.

Please **hold the bread** and we will partake together signifying our unity in one Body; please **drink the cup upon receiving it** in acknowledgment of your personal union to Christ in His shed blood.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Closing Hymn

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It is Well with My Soul
(verses 3-4)

*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

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Sermon Notes

John 11:1-16

It is for the Glory of God

1 A _____ *trial of love, 1 - 4*

2 *The peculiar* _____ *of love, 5 - 10*

3 *The glorious* _____ *of delayed love, 11 - 16*

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.**

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This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, May 4 – Sunday, May 10

Tuesday – May 5

6 PM.....ESL Class

Wednesday – May 6

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

6 PM.....Bible Study & Prayer

6 PM.....Catechism Class

Sunday – May 10

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

10: 45 AM.....Worship Service

Announcements

- ❖ *Join us today after worship service as we gather for our monthly potluck fellowship meal.*
- ❖ *Midweek Dinner & Bible Study for adults and kids every Wednesday starting at 5:15PM.*

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
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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 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	\$ 6102.19
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 615.38
Missions amount given last week	\$ 1180.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 4/24/2026	\$ 432,062.27

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