



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

November 23, 2024

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 Chron. 29:12-13

Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand, it is to make great and to give strength to all.¹³ And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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 92

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

All: *to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night*

Leader: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre

All: *For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands, I sing for joy.*

*Invocation and Adoration

* Indicates please stand if able.

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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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Holy, Holy, Holy!

Public Confession of Sin

ALL: Most Merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things we should have done. And we have done those things we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who repent, according to your promises declared to us in Your Holy Word. And grant, O merciful Lord, that we might hereafter live holy lives, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. ~ Micah 7.18-20

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

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

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**or universal; this phrase simply refers to the fact that the Church is made up of believers of all times in all nations.

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

Ruth 1:15-22

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

Scripture Context:

The choice of a homeland for these young women really amounted to a choice for or against the true God. The response of Ruth is a display of the sovereign grace of God at work in her heart and for the people of Israel.

And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.¹⁷ Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you."¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"²⁰ She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi;¹ call me Mara,² for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.²¹ I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"²² So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

* Indicates please stand if able.

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**

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
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

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***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

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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Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

Verse 1

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, let us thine influence prove,
source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of life and love.

Verse 2

Come, Holy Ghost, for, moved by thee, thy prophets wrote and spoke:
unlock the truth, thyself the key, unseal the sacred book.

Verse 3

Expand thy wings, celestial Dove, brood o'er our nature's night; on our
disordered spirits move, and let there now be light.

Verse 4

God, through himself, we then shall know, if thou within us shine; and
sound, with all thy saints below, the depths of love divine.

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Verse 1

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O
weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I
was: so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him my resting place, and he
has made me glad.

Verse 2

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water,
thirsty one; stoop down and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank
from that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

Verse 3

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light; look unto me; thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till pilgrim days are done.

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

John 7:37-39

Preaching of the Word

Rivers of Living Water

*Closing Hymn

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Spirit of the Living God

*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

The church will not have any classes from Nov. 24th – Nov. 28th in order to celebrate Thanksgiving!



Sermon Notes
Rivers of Living Water
John 7:37-39

1 The great _____, v37

2 The great _____, v38

3 The great _____, v39

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)

Mark your calendars and join us for **Greening of the Church!** Scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 29th at 9AM. See Carol Mitchell for additional questions.



The Greening of
The Church



Mark your calendar! On Sunday, Dec. 14th immediately following Worship service, we will be having our church-wide Christmas lunch.

Save the date! Women's Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th @ 11AM. We will have a catered lunch and a time of fellowship to include playing Christmas trivia. Please bring a gift amount of \$15-\$20 for our Stealing Santa game. It's not too late to attend. See Judy Adkins for more information.



***Join us Wednesday, Dec. 24th for our Christmas Eve Service and Children's Christmas Program. More information to follow soon.**

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This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, November 24 to Sunday, November 30

Tuesday – November 25

6 PMESL Break

Wednesday – November 26

5:15 PM.....Church Meal Break

6 PM.....Sermon in Review/Prayer Break

6 PMCatechism Class Break

Thursday – November 27

9 AMHomeschool Co-op Group Break

Saturday – November 29

9 AMGreening of the Church

Sunday – November 30

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
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, Brandon White and Winford Wilson.

2025 - Tithes and Offerings

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$ 3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$ 4885.00
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 548.07
Missions amount given last week	\$ 380.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 11/19/2025	\$ 277,323.22

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