



# Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

# Celebration of Worship

November 9, 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 – Romans 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, who shows to them that be in error the light of your truth, to the intent that they may return to the way of righteousness; grant to all those that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that as strangers and pilgrims they may abstain from fleshly lusts, and follow all such things as are agreeable to their holy profession; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

from Psalm 115

**Pastor:** Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases.

**People:** *The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron; He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.*

## \*Invocation and Adoration (followed by the Lord's Prayer)

*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.*

\* Indicates please stand if able.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **\*Worship in Song**

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*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

## **Public Confession of Sin**

**ALL:** Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving kindness: according unto the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight: that You might be justified when You speak, and be clear when You judge. You desire truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part You shall make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation. Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel**

<sup>20</sup>Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup>so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. ~ Romans 5:20-21

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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.\* 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;

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

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## 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)*

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## ADORING GOD’S GLORY

### Public Reading of Scripture

### Ruth 1:1-5

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

*Scripture Context:*

*The book of Ruth tells a story of redemption that took place during the days of the judges - when everyone did what was right in their own eyes. Here we are introduced to an exception and not the rule. The story is designed to introduce us to the coming king from the tribe of Judah from whom the Messiah is to come according to the flesh – the true Judge and Deliverer of Israel.*

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In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.<sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon

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and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup> and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

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;<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. ~Proverbs 3:9-10*

### **\*The Doxology**

**Tune: All Creatures of our God**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **\*Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

### **\*Worship in Song**

#### ***The Old Rugged Cross***

##### **Verse 1**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

##### **Chorus**

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down**

\* Indicates please stand if able.

**I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown**

Verse 2

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary

Verse 3

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me

Verse 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  
It's shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share

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***Christ is Mine Forevermore***

Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with him.  
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings. But mine is  
hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, his love is sure. For Christ has paid  
for ev'ry failing, I am his forevermore.

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.  
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good. But mine is  
peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need. I know  
my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes his work in me.

Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way. One with

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Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for his name. But mine is armor  
for this battle, strong enough to last the war. And he has said he will  
deliver safely to the golden shore.

*Tag*

And mine are keys to Zion's city where beside the King I walk. For there  
my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore.

***Instrumental***

*Bridge*

/// Come rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward. Fear is gone  
and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore. ///

And mine are keys to Zion's city where beside the King I walk. For there  
my heart has found its treasure:

/// Christ is mine forevermore. ///

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## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

### **Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon Text:** **John 7:25-31**

### **Preaching of the Word**

***Can This be the Christ?***

**\*Closing Hymn** **455**

***And Can It Be That I Should Gain***

### **\*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  
**Can This be the Christ?**  
John 7:25-31

1 The people's continued \_\_\_\_\_, 25-27

2 Jesus' challenging \_\_\_\_\_, 28-29

3 God's providential \_\_\_\_\_, 30-31





## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Shoeboxes need to be returned no later than Sunday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to include \$10 for shipping charges. You can pay by cash or check. Make checks payable to Fairfield PCA as the church will write one check to Samaritan's Purse.

## Announcements

**1 Chronicles 29:9** “Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly. For with a whole heart, they had offered freely to the Lord.” Prayerfully consider what God is placing in your heart to donate toward the expansion and growth of our church. Please pray for the committee as they continue to make decisions.



Our **Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner** is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. We are looking forward to celebrating this time of Thanksgiving with you! Please refer to insert for volunteers and food needed. See Robin LaGuardia for additional questions.



**Save the date!** Women's Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM. Please refer to insert for more information.

\*\*\*As a reminder there are **Children's Sermon Notes** located next to the back sanctuary table.

\*\*\***Hymn Sing** will resume January 2026.

# **This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church**

***Monday, November 10 to Sunday, November 15***

## ***Monday – November 10***

4 PM.....Building Expansion Committee Meeting

## ***Tuesday – November 11***

6 PM .....ESL Class

## ***Wednesday – November 12***

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

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

6 PM .....Catechism Class

## ***Thursday – November 13***

9 AM .....Homeschool Co-op Group

## ***Sunday – November 16***

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

10:45 AM.....Worship Service

5 PM.....Church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner

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***"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 & Mel 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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**A member congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America**

**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.

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## **2025 - Tithes and Offerings**

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$ 3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$ 4908.22
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 548.07
Missions amount given last week	\$ 465.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of Nov. 4, 2025	\$ 264,699.47

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