

# Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

# Celebration of Worship

October 5, 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 – Matthew 28:19-20

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, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

O most merciful Father, who by the glorious ministration of the Spirit has given us a clear revelation of Your will in the Gospel of Your Son; we beseech You to enlighten our minds, that we may rightly understand it and duly value it, and frame our lives according to it, to Your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

**from Psalm 100:1-5**

**Pastor:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

**People:** *Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

**Pastor:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**People:** *For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

\* Indicates please stand if able.

## **\*Invocation and Adoration**

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

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#### ***Holy God, We Praise Your Name***

### **Public Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father, loving King, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our anger and envy are laid bare before your eyes and ours. We open ourselves to you and ask that you cover us in Christ. Let us hear your voice saying: His blood is your peace, His death is your freedom, His Spirit is your power. And let our hearts know that your service is perfect freedom. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ~ 1 John 1:8-9*

### **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.

# **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**

### **Judges 20:1-18**

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

*The sin of Israel had reached an all time low; how unfortunate that this is what brought the divided tribes of Israel together "as one man."*

Then all the people of Israel came out, from Dan to Beersheba, including the land of Gilead, and the congregation assembled as one man to the LORD at Mizpah. <sup>2</sup> And the chiefs of all the people, of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, 400,000 men on foot that drew the sword. <sup>3</sup> (Now the people of Benjamin heard that the people of Israel had gone up to Mizpah.) And the people of Israel said, "Tell us, how did this evil happen?" <sup>4</sup> And the Levite, the husband of the woman who was murdered, answered and said, "I came to Gibeah that belongs to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to spend the night. <sup>5</sup> And the leaders of Gibeah rose against me and surrounded the house against me by night. They meant to kill me, and they violated my concubine, and she is dead. <sup>6</sup> So I took hold of my concubine and cut her in pieces and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel, for they have committed abomination and outrage in Israel. <sup>7</sup> Behold, you people of Israel, all of you, give your advice and counsel here." <sup>8</sup> And all the people arose as one man, saying, "None of us will go to his tent, and none of us will return to his house. <sup>9</sup> But now this is what we will do to Gibeah: we will go up against it by lot, <sup>10</sup> and we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred of a thousand,

\* Indicates please stand if able.

and a thousand of ten thousand, to bring provisions for the people, that when they come they may repay Gibeah of Benjamin, for all the outrage that they have committed in Israel." <sup>11</sup> So all the men of Israel gathered against the city, united as one man. <sup>12</sup> And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, "What evil is this that has taken place among you?" <sup>13</sup> Now therefore give up the men, the worthless fellows in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and purge evil from Israel." But the Benjaminites would not listen to the voice of their brothers, the people of Israel. <sup>14</sup> Then the people of Benjamin came together out of the cities to Gibeah to go out to battle against the people of Israel. <sup>15</sup> And the people of Benjamin mustered out of their cities on that day 26,000 men who drew the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, who mustered 700 chosen men. <sup>16</sup> Among all these were 700 chosen men who were left-handed; every one could sling a stone at a hair and not miss. <sup>17</sup> And the men of Israel, apart from Benjamin, mustered 400,000 men who drew the sword; all these were men of war. <sup>18</sup> The people of Israel arose and went up to Bethel and inquired of God, "Who shall go up first for us to fight against the people of Benjamin?" And the LORD said, "Judah shall go up first."

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: 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**

\* Indicates please stand if able.

## **\*Worship in Song**

### ***The Lord Is My Salvation***

#### Verse 1

The grace of God has reached for me  
And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground  
The Lord is my salvation

#### Verse 2

I will not fear when darkness falls  
His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun  
The Lord is my salvation

#### **Chorus**

**Who is like the Lord our God  
Strong to save faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the victory won  
The Lord is my salvation**

#### Verse 3

My hope is hidden in the Lord  
He flows each promise of His Word  
When winter fades I know spring will come  
The Lord is my salvation

#### Verse 4

In times of waiting times of need  
When I know loss when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days  
The Lord is my salvation

## **Chorus**

### **Verse 5**

And when I reach the final day  
He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise He will call me home  
The Lord is my salvation

## **Chorus**

### **Bridge**

Glory be to God the Father  
Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit  
The Lord is our salvation

## **Chorus**

### **Ending**

The Lord is our salvation  
The Lord is our salvation

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## ***I Want to Know You***

### **Verse 1**

I've tried in vain a thousand ways  
My fears to quell my hopes to raise  
But what I need your word has said  
Is ever only Jesus

Verse 2

You died you live you reign you plead  
There's love in all your words and deeds  
This weary heart finds all it needs  
In ever only Jesus

**Chorus**

***I want to know you Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens king of my soul  
I trade my treasure and all my rewards  
Jesus to know you then know you more***

Verse 3

Though some should curse me for your name  
I have no fear I have no shame  
You stand with me for all my days  
My ever only Jesus

**Bridge**

*Like wave after wave on the ocean  
Like all of the sand on the shore  
Your beauty and glory are endless  
O Jesus I must know you more*

**Chorus**

***I want to know you Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens king of my soul  
I trade my treasure and all my rewards  
Jesus to know you then know you more***

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# **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

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

**Sermon Text:**

**John 6:60-71**

## **Preaching of the Word**

### ***Wonderful Words of Life***

1 The Word \_\_\_\_\_, 60-65

2 The Word \_\_\_\_\_, 66-69

3 The Word \_\_\_\_\_, 70-71

**\*Hymn of Response and Preparation**  
***The Wonder of the Cross***

Verse 1:

O precious sight, my Savior stands,  
Dying for me with outstretched hands.  
O precious sight, I love to gaze,  
Remembering salvation's day,  
Remembering salvation's day.

Verse 2:

Though my eyes linger on this scene,  
May passing time and years not steal  
The power with which it impacts me,  
The freshness of its mystery,  
The freshness of its mystery.

***Chorus:***

***May I never lose the wonder,  
the wonder of the cross.  
May I see it like the first time  
Standing as a sinner lost,  
Undone by mercy and left speechless,  
Watching wide eyed at the cost.  
May I never lose the wonder,  
The wonder of the cross.***

Verse 3:

Behold the God-man crucified,  
The perfect sinless sacrifice.  
As blood ran down those nails and wood,  
History was split in two, yes,  
History was split in two.

Verse 4:

Behold the empty wooden tree,  
His body gone, alive and free.  
We sing with everlasting joy,  
For sin and death have been destroyed, yes,  
Sin and death have been destroyed.

**Chorus:**

***May I never lose the wonder,  
the wonder of the cross.  
May I see it like the first time  
Standing as a sinner lost,  
Undone by mercy and left speechless,  
Watching wide eyed at the cost.  
May I never lose the wonder,  
The wonder of the cross.***

***(musical interlude and repeat chorus)***



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## **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 on one of the following prayers in the bulletin below.**

\* Indicates please stand if able.

***Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.*** Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

***Prayer of Belief.*** Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Prayer for Those Overcome with Sin*** Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

***Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Communing)*** Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple.

## Sursum Corda<sup>i</sup>

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

***Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.***

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise***

<sup>i</sup> Sursum corda is Latin for “lift up your heart.” This responsive refrain has been used by the Church since the early 3<sup>rd</sup> century. It was retained by all the Reformers in some form in their liturgies before coming to the Lord’s Table.

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## 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

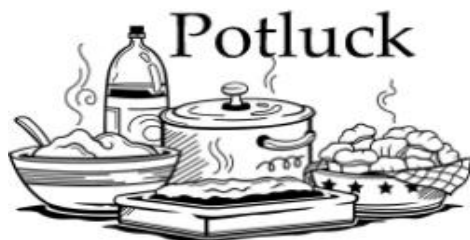
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### *Benediction*

### \*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



Don't forget to join us for potluck after services  
today!

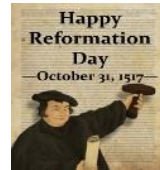
# Announcements



**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.

## **Come and celebrate the Reformation with us!**

Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. There will be food and games for the kids. We will also have a special guest!



**Fairfield Ladies** are invited to attend an organized Card Party in which women will receive a gift bag of cards to fill out as “Thank You’s” to different volunteers. This event will be held at the church on Sunday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 PM. Coffee/lattes and lovely snacks will be served. See Ansley Moore for additional information.

**Chomp! Chomp!** Parents, bring your family to Alligator Alley on Saturday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. We will meet there at 3PM, 19950 Hwy. 71 in Summerdale, AL. Ticket prices are: Adults-\$18, Children-\$16, Under 3 is free. Alligator chow is \$22 and feeding time is 4PM. Bring a picnic lunch if you would like to eat after the gators have had their supper. Chomp chomp.



**As a reminder there are children’s bulletins located by the back sanctuary table.**

# **This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church**

***Monday, October 6 to Sunday, October 12***

## ***Monday – October 6***

4 PM.....Building Committee Meeting

## ***Tuesday – October 7***

6 PM .....ESL Class

## ***Wednesday – October 8***

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

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

6 PM .....Catechism Class

## ***Thursday – October 9***

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

## ***Sunday– October 12***

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

10:45 AM.....Communion Worship Service

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## **Our Missionaries Around the World**

Chris & Savanna\*..... Europe

Julian & Rachel\*..... Belgium

Franklin & Beth\*..... Persian Ministry

Dorothy Anderson..... Germany

John & Lu Elliott..... Costa Rica

Kelly & Caroline Jackson..... RUF & FSU

Patrick & Regina Lennox..... Native Americans

Brett & Valerie McAlpin..... England

George & Susan Sayour..... Ministry to State

Robert & Lisa Stewart..... Japan

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 struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; 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.

**We are a member congregation** of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The PCA was formed in 1973 to be a denomination that is "Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission".

**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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### **Greeters:**

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**This morning: (October 5): Winford Wilson & Judy Welch**

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Next Sunday Morning (October 12): Ralph & Debbie Reedy

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### **Nursery:**

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**This morning: (October 5): Leona Fish**

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Next Sunday Morning (October 12): Robin Camp

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### **2025 - Tithes and Offerings**

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$5810.57
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 548.07
Missions amount given last week	\$ 370.00

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