



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

September 28, 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 – 2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

There dwells upon this earth a mysterious Being, whose office is to renew the fallen and restore the wandering. We cannot see Him or hear Him, yet He dwells in some of us as Lord of our nature. His chosen residence is a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

~ Charles Spurgeon

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-5

Pastor: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!

People: *Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.*

Pastor: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

People: *He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.*

*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**

Psalm 40

(tune: Before the Throne of God Above)

1. I wait-ed long u-pon the LORD;
He heard my cry and turned to me.
He raised me from the slim-y pit
and from the mire He pulled me free.

He set my feet on sol-id rock,
a place to stand both firm and broad.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a joy-ful hymn of praise to God,
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2. Man-y will look with god-ly fear
and on the LORD a-lone re-ly,
Bless-ed are they who trust the LORD,
Who shun the proud and gods that lie.

The won-ders You have done, O LORD,
How man-y and how great they are!

Your plans for us are far be-yond
our pow'r to num-ber or de-clare,
our pow'r to num-ber or de-clare.

3. In the as-sem-bly when it met
Your jus-tice I pro-claimed a-broad.
I did not seal my lips at all;
You know all this a-about me, LORD.

I did not hide with-in my heart
Your sav-ing grace and right-eous-ness,
In the as-sem-bly I pro-claimed

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Your stead-fast love and faith-ful-ness,
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4. But let all those who seek your face,
be joy-ful in you all their days;
let those who love sal-va-tion say,
"Ex-al-ted be the LORD al-ways!"

Yet I am poor and in great need;
LORD, think on me, I hum-bly pray.
You are my Sa-vior and my help;
Come, O, my God! Do not de-lay;
Come, O my God! Do not de-lay.

Public Confession of Sin

ALL: Almighty and Merciful God, we confess before You our sinful nature. We are prone to evil and slothful in good. You alone know how often we have sinned, how often we have transgressed Your holy law. O Lord, have mercy on us. We confess our sins and pray for grace to turn away from them in repentance. Cleanse even our secret sins and forgive them because of Jesus Christ. O Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts. That we may, from now on, walk in Your ways, according to Your Word. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ~ 1 John 1:9

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.

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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; we might say he descended into *the unseen world*

**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

Judges 19:22-30

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

Scripture context

A certain Levite was returning home with his concubine and his servant after visiting his father-in-law. On their journey home, they intended to stay the night in Gibeah but they had no place to stay the night. A kind stranger took them in but what happened that night rivals the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah.

As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, worthless fellows, surrounded the house, beating on the door. And they said to the old man, the master of the house, "Bring out the man who came into your house, that we may know him."²³ And the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my brothers, do not act so wickedly; since this man has come into my house, do not do this vile thing."²⁴ Behold, here are my virgin daughter and his concubine. Let me bring them out now. Violate them and do with them what seems good to you, but against this man do not do this outrageous thing."²⁵ But the men would not listen to him. So the man seized his concubine and made her go out to them. And they knew her and abused

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her all night until the morning. And as the dawn began to break, they let her go.²⁶ And as morning appeared, the woman came and fell down at the door of the man's house where her master was, until it was light.²⁷ And her master rose up in the morning, and when he opened the doors of the house and went out to go on his way, behold, there was his concubine lying at the door of the house, with her hands on the threshold.²⁸ He said to her, "Get up, let us be going." But there was no answer. Then he put her on the donkey, and the man rose up and went away to his home.²⁹ And when he entered his house, he took a knife, and taking hold of his concubine he divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel.³⁰ And all who saw it said, "Such a thing has never happened or been seen from the day that the people of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt until this day; consider it, take counsel, and speak."

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**

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death; Christ alone Christ alone.

What is our only confidence that our souls to Him belong,

What holds our days within His hand; What comes apart from His command.

And what will keep us to the end; The love of Christ in which we stand.

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Chorus

***O sing hallelujah, Our hope springs eternal, O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death***

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul; God is good God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known; In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise, Who stands above the stormy trial,
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh; Unto the shore the rock of Christ.

Chorus

Verse 3

Unto the grave what shall we sing; Christ He lives Christ He lives.
And what reward will heaven bring; Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord; Then sin and death will be destroyed.
And we will feast in endless joy When Christ is ours forevermore

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It Was Finished Upon that Cross

Verse 1

How I love the voice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. He declares his work is finished; he has spoken this hope to me. Though the sun had ceased its shining,

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though the war appeared as lost, Christ had triumphed over evil. It was finished upon that cross.

Verse 2

Now the curse, it has been broken; Jesus paid the price for me. Full the pardon he has offered. Great the welcome that I receive. Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness. There is no more guilt to carry. It was finished upon that cross.

Verse 3

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me. But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed. Free from ev'ry plan of darkness, free to live and free to love. Death is dead and Christ is risen. It was finished upon that cross.

End

Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God. I rejoice in Jesus' vict'ry. It was finished upon that cross.

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text: **John 6:52-59**

Preaching of the Word

Some Hard Sayings

***Closing Hymn**

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Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

***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
Some Hard Sayings
John 6:52-59

1 What they _____ mean,

2 What they _____ mean,

3 What they _____ to do,

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."

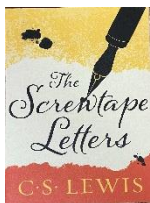
Prayerfully consider what God is placing in your heart to donate toward the expansion and growth of our church. Please pray for the committee as they continue to make decisions.

Join us tonight for our monthly Hymn Sing. Hymn Sing starts at 6PM in the main sanctuary. All are encouraged to attend.



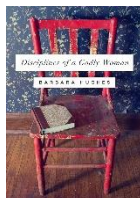
Communion is next Sunday, Oct. 5th. Please join us as we remember what Christ did on the cross for us.

Save the date! Next Sunday, Oct. 5th is our monthly potluck. Bring a dish to share. Potluck will immediately follow Communion Worship Service.



Men's Bible Fellowship will be next Saturday, Oct. 4th at AM. They are currently going through *Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Breakfast is provided. All men are encouraged to attend for a time of study and prayer. See Pastor Ralph for more information.

Women's Bible Study will be meeting Saturday, Oct. 4th at 9:30 AM. They are currently going through *Disciplines of a Godly Woman* by Barabara Hughes. It's not too late to attend. They meet every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. See Robin LaGuardia or Linda Bauer for more information.



This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, September 29 to Sunday, October 5

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4 PM.....Building Committee Meeting

Tuesday – September 30

6 PMESL Class

Wednesday – October 1

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

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

6 PMCatechism Class

Thursday – October 2

9 AMHomeschool Co-op Group

5 PM.....Session Meeting

Saturday – October 4

8 AM.....Men's Fellowship

9:30 AM.....Women's Bible Study

Sunday– October 5

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

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

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

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
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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

Greeters:

This morning: (September 28): Winford Wilson & Doug Wassmer

Next Sunday Morning (October 5): Winford Wilson & Judy Welch

Nursery:

This morning: (September 28): Ashlynn Hanford

Next Sunday Morning (October 5): Leona Fish

2025 - Tithes and Offerings

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$12602.48
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 548.07
Missions amount given last week	\$ 470.00
