



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

September 6, 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 – Galatians 5:1

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

In my life Lord, Be glorified, be glorified

In my life Lord, Be glorified today

In Your church Lord, Be glorified be glorified

In Your church Lord, Be glorified today

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 35

Pastor: Be strong, and do not fear! Your God will come to save you.

All: Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf be unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Pastor: Then will the wilderness rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice and shout for joy.

* Indicates please stand if able.

All: *And we, the ransomed of the Lord, will enter with singing.
Everlasting joy will crown our heads.*

***Invocation and Adoration**

***Worship in Song**

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Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

(from Psalm 146)

Public Confession of Sin

ALL: Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon you; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins; and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness.

We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our works; and by the sinful affections of our hearts.

We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and our willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and our neighbor.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and out of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and praise You in newness of life through the finished work of our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray.
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. 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

A Response of Praise

Bless the Lord O my soul; O my soul
Worship His holy name; Sing like never before
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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

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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" which 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 14:24-35

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

Scripture Context:

Some time after Jonathan had left the camp to invade the camp of the Philistines and before Saul joined the battle, Saul made a rash and foolish vow

And the men of Israel had been hard pressed that day, so Saul had laid an oath on the people, saying, "Cursed be the man who eats food until it is evening and I am avenged on my enemies." So none of the people had tasted food.²⁵ Now when all the people came to the forest, behold, there was honey on the ground.²⁶ And when the people entered the forest, behold, the honey was dropping, but no one put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath.²⁷ But Jonathan had not heard his father charge the people with the oath, so he put out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb and put his hand to his mouth, and his eyes became bright.²⁸ Then one of the people said, "Your father strictly charged the people with an oath, saying, 'Cursed be the man who eats food this day.'" And the people were faint.²⁹ Then Jonathan said, "My father has troubled the land. See how my eyes have become bright because I tasted a little of this honey."³⁰ How much better if the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies that they found. For now the defeat among the Philistines has not been great."³¹ They struck down the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon. And the people were very faint.³² The people pounced on the spoil and took sheep and oxen and calves and slaughtered them on the ground. And the people ate them with the blood.³³ Then they told Saul, "Behold, the people are sinning against the LORD by eating with the blood." And he said,

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"You have dealt treacherously; roll a great stone to me here." ³⁴ And Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the people and say to them, 'Let every man bring his ox or his sheep and slaughter them here and eat, and do not sin against the LORD by eating with the blood.'" So every one of the people brought his ox with him that night and they slaughtered them there. ³⁵ And Saul built an altar to the LORD; it was the first altar that he built to the LORD.

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**

Christ, the True and Better

Verse 1

Christ, the true and better Adam, Son of God and Son of man, who, when tempted in the garden, never yielded, never sinned. He who makes the many righteous brings us back to life again. Dying, he reversed the curse; then rising crushed the serpent's head.

Chorus

Amen, amen, from beginning to end. Christ the story, his the glory; alleluia, amen.

Verse 2

Christ, the true and better Isaac, humble Son of sacrifice, who would climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up his life. Laid with faith upon the altar, father's joy and only son; there salvation was provided, oh, what full and boundless love.

Verse 3

Christ, the true and better Moses, called to lead a people home, standing bold

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to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known. With his arms stretched wide
to heaven, see the waters part in two; see, the veil is torn forever, cleansed
with blood we pass now through.

Verse 4

Christ, the true and better David, lowly shepherd, mighty king. He the
champion in the battle; where, O death, is now thy sting? In our place he bled
and conquered; crown him Lord of majesty. His shall be the throne forever; we
shall e'er his people be.

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Who You Say I Am

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King, Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in, Oh His love for me; Oh His love for me

Chorus

***Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am***

Verse 2

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me; Yes, He died for me

Chorus

***Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am***

Bridge (2x)

I am chosen not forsaken; I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me; I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am

Chorus

***Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
/ In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am /***

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text:

John 14:1-6

Preaching of the Word

The Promise of a Heavenly Place

*Hymn of Response and Preparation

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Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

(vss. 1-3)

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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Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

(vss. 4-5)

*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 14:1-6
The Promise of a Heavenly place

1 The Savior's compassionate _____, v1

2 The Savior's cosmic _____, 2-3

3 The Savior's exclusive _____, 4-6

Announcements



Building for the Future! As we continue 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)

***Potluck Fellowship Meal immediately following Worship service today.**



ESL (English as a Second Language)

Student Registration Night- Tuesday, September 8th, 5:15-8:00 pm (heavy snacks and finger foods will be served) Here are ways you can help:

- >Greeting students
- >Assisting with check-in and registration forms
- >Proctoring assessments
- >Conducting speaking interviews
- >Guiding students to each station
- >Distributing welcome bags and Bibles
- >Set up and Clean up
- >Providing childcare for volunteers
- >Prayer warriors

If you'd like to help with Student Registration Night, or commit to pray, please contact Eric or Anna Coplin at 419-487-0389



Parents!

New **parenting class by Paul Tripp** begins this Wednesday, Sept. 9th. This is a video series which will run every Wednesday evening @ 6PM from Sept. 9th – Oct. 28th. Please see Pastor Ralph or Robin LaGuardia for any questions.

This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Monday, September 7 – Sunday, September 13

Tuesday – September 8

10 AM.....Women’s Bible Study
6 PM.....ESL Registration

Wednesday – September 9

5:15 PM.....Church-wide Meal
6 PM.....Catechism
6 PM.....Parenting Class
6 PM.....Sermon In Review

Thursday – September 10

9 AM.....Homeschool Co-op

Sunday – September 13

9:30 AM.....Sunday School
10:15 AM.....Coffee & Fellowship
Time 10: 45 AM.....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
Donny & Courtney Harwood.....Scotland
Kelly & Caroline Jackson.....RUF & FSU
Jim & Claudia Jung.....Australasia
Patrick & Regina Lennox.....Native Americans
Brett & Valerie McAlpin.....England
George & Susan Saylor.....Ministry to State
Robert & Lisa Stewart.....Japan
Raimo & Annemari Survo.....Finland
Cosmo & Susette Tomaselli.....Romania & Moldova
ThirddMill.....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 or click the QR code.



- ❖ 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, 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	\$ 4484.00
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 615.38
Missions amount given last week	\$ 1145.00
Current Building Expansion Value as of 9/4/2026	\$ 521,000.50

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