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Fairview Reformed Presbyterian Church

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November 24, 2024 | 10:45am

Worship to the True and Living God

Let us worship the True and Living God.

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 24:1-4

“The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.”

*HYMNS OF WORSHIP “For the Beauty of the Earth” (No. 26)
Psalm 1B

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 20:16

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions #77-78

Q: What is required in the ninth commandment?

A: The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor’s good name, especially in witness-bearing.

Q: What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A: The ninth commandment forbids whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own, or our neighbor’s good name.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Privately confess how you have broken the ninth commandment.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: Isaiah 53:5-6

“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

*SONG OF PRAISE “There is a Fountain” (No. 265)

THANKSGIVINGS AND REQUESTS (Philippians 4:6-7)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 5:33-48 (p. 1030)**

****PRAYER OF ENLIGHTENMENT**

MESSAGE “Jesus the Law-Giver: Oaths, Eyes, and Enemies”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE.....“All I Have is Christ”**

BENEDICTION

PARTING HYMN “Doxology”

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

****CHILDREN AGES 4 THRU 1ST GRADE,
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE**

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Songs for Worship

1 | For the Beauty of the Earth (No. 26)

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

***Chorus - Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.***

2. For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
Sun, moon and stars of light: ***Chorus***

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight: ***Chorus***

4. For the warmth of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends of earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild: ***Chorus***

5. For Thy Church the evermore
Lifts her holy hands above,
Off'ring up on ev'ry shore
Her pure sacrifice of love: ***Chorus***

2 | Psalm 1B "How Blest the Man"

1. ¹How blest the man who does not walk
Where wicked men would guide his feet,
Who stands not in the sinners' ways
Nor sits upon the scorners' seat.
²The law of God is his delight,
His meditation day and night."

2. ³For he is like a growing tree,
Which, planted by a flowing stream,
In season yields its finest fruit;
Its leaves are always fresh and green.
In all he does he finds success;
Prosperity will he possess.

3. ⁴Not so the wicked! Like the chaff,
The wind will blow them all away.
⁵The judgment they will not withstand,
Nor sinners with the righteous stay.
⁶God knows the way of righteous ones;
The wicked way will be undone.

3 | There is a Fountain (No. 265)

1. There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day,
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away,
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, Be saved to sin no more,
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

4. E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die.
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die.

5. When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
Then in nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

4 | All I Have is Christ

1. I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way;
The sin that promised joy and life
had led me to the grave;
I had no hope that you would own
a rebel to your will;
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still.

2. But as I ran my hell-bound race
indifferent to the cost;
You looked upon my helpless state
and led me to the cross;
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place;
You bore the wrath reserved for me
now all I know is grace. ***Chorus 2x's***

Chorus:

***Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.***

3. Now Lord I would be Yours alone
and live so all might see;
The strength to follow Your commands
could never come from me;
O Father use my ransomed life
in any way You choose;
And let my song forever be
my only boast is You. ***Chorus 2x's***

This Week

Welcome

Welcome to worship. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. If you have any questions about God, the Bible, or our church, or would just like to say hello, please talk with Pastor Jeff.

Nursery is available See or call JoAnna with any questions. 724-601-7153.

- **Children's Worship**, led by Edie Chaffee & Helper Emma Masters

The Lord's Day

9:30am – Sunday Education Hour

Sunday School opens at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

Sunday School Superintendent: Kara Masters

Kids and Youth Classes

Toddlers thru Pre-K: Room LL 203 Marie Fowler, Diane Justice & Marci Thoman

K thru 2nd: Room LL303 - Linda Lyden & Hannah Claerbaut

3rd thru 5th: Room LL204 – Kara Masters & Lisa Barney

6th thru 8th: Library – Ben Hardesty

9th thru 12th: Youth Room – Tony Carroscia

Adult Classes

A Study of 2 Peter – Led by Dan Sullivan (Video Room)

What Does the Bible Say About Politics? – Led by Pastor Jeff Zehnder (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday Worship

10:45am Morning Worship – Matthew 5:33-48 “Jesus the Lawgiver about Oaths, eyes and Enemies” Jesus shows us how much we need him by teaching us the fuller, more radical meaning of God's law for humanity.

Diaper Blessing – for Ethan & Kara Masters, Immediately after worship service, lasting 15-20 minutes. Please come and bless the Masters with diapers and/or wipes. Greet them in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy a cookie.

6pm Ask the Pastors Night – Come with questions for Pastor Jeff and Pastor Tony. This is a night open to any question you may have about the faith. Stump the pastors! Or seek their counsel. Life can be very difficult, moral dilemmas and confusing things can arise, creating questions. “Honest answers to honest questions.”

Monday

10am Bowling – All are welcome! Calcutta lanes.

2:45pm Midland GNC – We meet in the Library.

Tuesday

6-8pm Fairview Food Pantry

Wednesday

Covenant Kids, The Rock and Prayer & Study will not meet this week due to Thanksgiving and next week due to Congregational Meeting. We will resume on December 11.

Thursday

Happy Thanksgiving!

10:30am Thanksgiving Day Service – “Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!” (Psalm 100:2). Our study of the first Thanksgiving celebrations shows people gathering for a thanksgiving service of worship. What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than to give our thanks to God corporately as the church. We invite you to come to Fairview's Thanksgiving Day Service. The service is not formal. Come in plain clothes. “Put the turkey in the oven, the kids in the car, and come as you are”.

Saturday

10am Church Christmas Decorating – Anyone who would like to help decorate the church for Christmas can meet us at the church to lend a hand.

4:30pm-6:30pm Good News Club Ice Skating Party – We have the ice for 2 hours so arrive early to get your skates on! Beaver County Ice Arena, 121 Brady's Run Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010). FREE to all! Join for a fun night of ice skating (or watching!), intermission with snacks & drinks, and enjoying company. Bring family & friends!

Next Sunday – Advent Begins

9:30am Sunday School & Adult Education Hour – We provide Sunday morning education classes for all ages, toddler through adult. Join us for the opening in the sanctuary before heading off to class.

10:45am Morning Preparatory Service – Advent begins! We open 5 advent stories of Jesus from Matthew 1:1-17 “Son of Abraham, Son of David” Jesus' genealogy holds many treasures. We looked at one a few months ago, But today we look at a second treasure: Jesus is the Son of Abraham *and* the Son of David. The one and only Savior for all people.

6pm Evening Communion Service – An annual practice, we have one evening communion service per year. Sunday workers have an ability to partake the Lord's Supper in the evening.

Congregational Announcements

Congratulations – Jacob & Naomi Shepler are the proud parents of boy number four. Nathan Scott Shepler was born Mon., November 18th. 9lbs. 9oz. and 22" long. Levi, Luke & Judah are big brothers, Philip & Edie Chaffee and Scott & Heidi Shepler are the grandparents and Opal Hopkins and Myrna Edminston are his great grandmas.

Angel Tree – The Fairview Missions Committee invites you to bless others this Christmas season by participating in our Angel Tree Project. We help children and their caregivers who live in the Midland area whose loved one is incarcerated. **Sunday, December 1.** Pick up an angel, read about the need. Purchase a toy and clothing item listed on the card for the child and purchase a personal hygiene item for the caregiver. All gifts must be wrapped and placed under the tree by December 15. If you'd like the blessing of delivering the gifts to families in our area on December 15, please notify the Missions Committee.

Table Talk for December and **Our Daily Bread Devotional** for the months of December, January, and February are in the vestibule on the missions table.

Updated Directories – I am working on updating the directories for the 2025 year. Please let the office know of any new address or address changes and changes in your phone numbers and emails. I will need all updated info by Sunday, December 1, 2024. Email info to office@fairviewpca.org

Congregational Meeting Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30pm We will vote on retaining elders and deacons, we will vote on our church committees for 2025, for our 2025 budget, and hear reports on the previous year. We hope you come out and make your vote count. Covenant Kids, the Rock and Prayer & Study will not meet on this night. They will resume on Wednesday, December 11th. **Please hold this meeting up in prayer and pray** about new nominations and the forward progress of the gospel.

Young In Heart Christmas Party –Thursday, December 12 at 11am (ages 50 & up). Will meet at the church for a Bible Study on 1 Samuel 2, led by Tony Carroscia, then we will have a covered dish lunch. Please bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share. Come for great fellowship.

Vintage Radio Christmas – 6:30pm Sunday, December 15. An evening of a live radio show from Focus on the Family's *Adventures in Odyssey*. Retells the classic O'Henry tale, *The Gift of the Magi*, in a comical way complete with music and live foley artist. Whole evening we will step back in time to experience a classic radio show and Christmas music from a time long ago.

Church Christmas Cards – Our Christmas mailbox will be located in the vestibule of the church for Christmas cards to fellow members and friends in the church on December 1st. Young people will deliver the cards to the church "mailcans". A list of all the members and friends of Fairview Church with "mailcans" and addresses will be available on the information table in the vestibule on December 1.

Fairview generosity. Members and friends of Fairview will benefit from knowing. Many weeks ago, on October 8, in response to Hurricane Helene, your Deacons gave a \$1000 donation to Mission to North America to help victims. Also, this last Thanksgiving "Harvest Home" offering brought in a huge amount of food and \$1500 of donations. Jesus says to "be merciful even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). The Lord be praised!

Fairview Food Pantry – For the month of December would like to restock the shelves with chunky soups, crackers, cereal, oatmeal packets, pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti O's, can ravioli, can potatoes, can chicken and egg noodles. Monetary donations appreciated at any time.

Snow Camp – "*Back to the 80's*" February 14-16, 2025
Speaker: Tony Carroscia; Worship Leader: Pastor Greg Mead, First Evangelical PCA; Directors Kevin & Nikki Hagan, Gospel Fellowship PCA.

Arrival: 6:30pm Friday, February 14

Departure: 1:00pm Sunday, February 16

Location: Laurelville Retreat Center 941 Laurelville Lane Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666.

Pricing \$120 Until December 31, 2024. \$150 January 1 until January 19, 2025. Register online at:

<https://ascensionpresbytery.churchcenter.com/registrations>

Ya-Dult Retreat – College and career young adults ages 18 to 30. Friday, Feb. 28 to Sunday March 2, 2025. Laurelville Retreat Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA. Only \$100/person until Dec. 31; \$120/ person until Jan. 31; \$130/ person after Feb. 1. Singles will use the lodge and marrieds in the motel. Includes 2 nights lodging, 3 meals, 4 worship times, activities & amenities. Register at <https://ascensionpresbytery.churchcenter.com/registrations>

Worship Helpers

Worship LeaderBen Hardesty
Audio-VisualJason Dudek & Grace Billheimer
Musicians..... Linda D'Angelo, Hannah Claerbaut & Amy Hardesty
VocalistLindsey Hollabaugh
Children's Worship Edie Chaffee & Emma Masters
Nursery.....Kristine & Laura Masters & Karen Horstman
GreetersRosh Raines
UshersEd Shaffer, Josh Chaffee
Stephen Hapach & Chase Thoman

Next Week's Helpers

Worship LeaderJeff Lyden
Audio-Visual.....Grace Billheimer & Noah Oosting
Musicians.....Linda D'Angelo, Josh Sullivan & Kara Masters
Vocalist.....Dan & Rosemaree Sullivan
Nursery..... Bre Hooks, Charity te Velde & Naomi Oosting
Greeters.....Steve & Vicki Hamilton
Ushers.....Tim Shepler, Jacob Shepler
Austin Carelli & John Hooks

Sermon Notes

"Jesus the Law-Giver: Oaths, Eyes, and Enemies"
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Prayers & Praises

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15)

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

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