

THE LORD'S DAY

June 9, 2024

10 O'clock A.M.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 10:19-23

**Brothers, since we have confidence to enter
the most holy place by the blood of Jesus**
*By the new and living way that he opened for us,
Through the curtain, that is his flesh,*
And since we have a high priest over the house of God
Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,
*With our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience,
Our bodies washed with pure water.*
Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
For He who promised is faithful.

*HYMN OF ADORATION *The God of Abraham Praise (vs. 1-4)* #34

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

MEMBERSHIP VOWS & BAPTISM

Hope White
Insert

CONFESSION OF SIN

based on Ephesians 4,5

Heavenly Father, have mercy on us, for our sins are many, and we are in danger of grieving your Holy Spirit. No corrupting talk should come from our mouths, yet we discourage other believers with our words. We are prone to bitterness, wrath, and clamor. We even slander those we claim to love in Christ. By your grace enable us to forgive each other as you have forgiven us in Christ. Enable us to walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Amen.

4] Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

What does this vow entail? First, are you now and do you intend to continue to be committed to gather for Lord's Day worship on a regular basis? Of course, sometimes we are out of town, sometimes we have a health issue or a family members has a health issue that may keep us from worship. But other than these providential hindrances you are committed to gathering with God's people at Fairfield to worship the Triune God. Second, you will also strive to serve the Lord at Fairfield. This might be in very behind the scene ways, or more formal. But your desire is to serve the Lord in the context of the ministry at Fairfield.

5] Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

This is a very archaic way of asking are you committed to follow the leadership of the elders of this church? Pastor Chris along with our ruling elders are just like you. Sinners saved by the grace of God through our Savior Jesus. But God has placed them in this role of caring for God's people. Discipline sounds kind of scary. Actually, the idea of discipline is first that of instruction, teaching and preaching of the Bible. Are you striving to hear and apply the teaching of the Bible as it is proclaimed at Fairfield? Are you willing to follow the spiritual leadership of the elders as they lead us in gospel ministry at Fairfield?

To study the purity and peace of the church really means that you will practice these things. You will strive to live a holy life along with your fellow members at Fairfield. You will practice peace by being at peace with your brothers. If conflict arises you will seek to handle it in a Christian manner. "Love covers a multitude of sins," [1 Peter 4:8] and so we are willing to forgive where possible even without confronting our brother. But where necessary we will lovingly and humbly confront our brother and seek to be reconciled. [Matt. 7:1-5 18:15-20] Of course your pastor and elders are always there to help us in this practice

Scripture Reading Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 28:19&20

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Shorter Catechism Q. 94

Q. 94. What is baptism?

A. The sacrament of baptism is a washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, which is a sign and seal that we are joined to Christ, that we receive the benefits of the covenant of grace, and that we are engaged to be the Lord's.

Fairfield Presbyterian Church Membership vows

If you join Fairfield, you will affirm these vows along with giving your testimony of your faith in Christ to the session. You will then re-affirm these vows publicly during a morning worship service. Confessing our faith publicly is one of the most basic expressions of our commitment to Christ. (Romans 10:9,10 “*if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in our heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*”) By your public confession you will also remind the rest of the congregation that they too took these same solemn promises when they joined the church. There is no expiration date on them: we are to continue to keep them by God’s grace as long as we are a member of this local body.

1] Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

The Bible says, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, I am the worst!” Now my dear friends can you honestly and sincerely say the same thing about yourself? Before you came to trust in Jesus, you knew you were a rebellious sinner that deserved nothing but God’s just punishment. Why should God care about a sinner like you? It is only because of His great mercy and undeserving love and kindness to you through Jesus Christ. Moreover, as you have grown in the grace of the Lord Jesus, surely you have also grown in your understanding of the depth of your sinfulness in God’s sight.

2] Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you believe that Jesus is the eternal Son of God? Moreover, He is the Son of God that became the God-man to rescue you from the guilt and penalty of your sin, and also from its enslaving power. Is this what you believe? Notice how the promise you make says you trust in Jesus *alone* for salvation. In other words, you are not trusting in Jesus + your good works of obedience. You are not trusting in Jesus + your good intentions to be the best Christian you can be. You are trusting in Jesus, and Jesus alone to save you completely from your sins. Also note that the vow says as “he is offered in the Gospel.” Jesus said, “repent and believe the gospel.” So have you not only “acknowledged” your sin as noted in the first vow, but truly confessed your sin to God, asking for His forgiveness on the basis of Jesus’ sin-atonement death. True repentance involves a “godly sorrow” that you have offended God. It also involves a commitment to forsake your sin. This does not mean you won’t struggle with your sins daily, but you will strive to turn away from them.

3] Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Are you committed to living the Christian life daily? Are you seeking to deny your sinful desires and love and obey your Savior Jesus as he tells you to do so in His Word, the Holy Bible? There are sadly many professing Christians that think that living the Christian life is optional.

Do you believe you must strive to live a life pleasing to God? Of course, you do not think you can do so in your own strength but by the power of the Holy Spirit. As Paul says in his letter to the Philippians church in 2:12, “you [must] work out [the implications] of your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to do to His good pleasure.”

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Ephesians 1:3,4,7,8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.
The Father chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world.
That we should be holy and blameless before Him.
In Christ we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses.
According to the riches of His grace.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ* #524
Ushers come forward at this time.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE Doxology

*READING OF GOD’S WORD Romans 6:1-11
Pew Bible Pg,1120

PREACHING OF THE WORD **Baptism**

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #359

*BENEDICTION

*GLORIA PATRI #735

Evening worship at 6:00 pm
“The Bad news of the Gospel”