

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 16, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Ever Faithful, Ever Near

Franklin Ritter

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Blessed Assurance

Crosby/Nash

Call to Worship

Psalm 25

L: Good and upright is the Lord;

P: **therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

L: He leads the humble in what is right,

P: **and teaches the humble his way.**

L: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

P: **Let us worship our God of Faithfulness!**

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Opening Hymn #419** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you are the One, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference - the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause - an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making - the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ our Lord. (*silent prayers of confession*) Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

P: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gloria Patri #733**

"Glory Be to the Father"

Meineke

Psalter Reading

Psalm 33: 1-9

L: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

P: **Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings,**

L: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

P: **For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

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

P: **By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**

L: He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he puts the deeps in storehouses.

P: **Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.**

All: **For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.**

Anthem

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Chisholm/Runyan

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25: 14-23

Pew Bible p. 28 - New Test.

Message

"Faithfulness"

Rev. Mike Watson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response # 411 *How Firm a Foundation*

***Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC (USA)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads during this time)*

Offertory *My Faith is Firmly Found* Bach, arr. Dorothy Wells

***The Doxology #44** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*** Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn # 496** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Strong in the Faith* Edward Broughton

Thanks to McKenna Blue for singing today's Introit and Anthem.