



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
July 6, 2025
11 AM Worship Service

Vision for Worship

Foundational to the mission of FPC Rome is the proclamation that, “By God’s grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity...”

GOSPEL CENTERED

Our worship services are ordered in such a way that the Gospel story is proclaimed anew each week through the elements of Word and sacrament, creed and confession, prayer and song, with each service having its distinctive way of doing so.

BIBLICALLY BASED

"It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear."

- *Deuteronomy 6:13*

ROOTED IN REFORMED TRADITION

Natural understanding reveals that there is a God, who is lord and sovereign over everything, who is good and does good to everyone, and who is therefore to be held in awe, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served with all our heart, soul, and might. The acceptable way of worshiping the true God is established by God himself. God’s revealed will so defines and outlines proper worship that neither the imaginations and devices of men nor the suggestions of Satan are to be followed. God is not to be worshiped under any visible representation or in any other way than that prescribed in Holy Scripture.

Religious worship is to be given to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and only to him, not to angels, saints, or any other creature. Since the fall this worship must involve a mediator, and there is no other mediator than Christ alone.

- *WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH CHAPTER 21, 1-2*

God's People Gather for Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

All: We lift our eyes to God, our eternal home. We worship as pilgrims, walking by faith.

Leader: Through Jesus, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God—the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.

All: With grateful hearts, we give Him praise, proclaiming His name in word and song.

Leader: Let us not neglect to do good and to share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. We come not only to worship with our lips, but to offer our lives—in service, in compassion, in love.

All: Let us worship the God who is preparing for us a lasting city, and who calls us now to live in this city as His holy people.

Song of Praise

“O Worship the King”

*O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.*

*O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.*

You alone are the matchless King, to You alone be all majesty.

Your glories and wonders what tongue can recite

You breathe in the air, You shine in the light.

*The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

*O measureless might! Ineffable love! While angels delight to worship above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their ways, with true adoration shall all sing Thy praise.*

(chorus)

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reflection

“Poor Sinner Dejected with Fear”

*Poor sinner, dejected with fear, unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear, Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace is able and willing to save;
A sweet and permanent peace He'll freely and faithfully give.*

*Come just as thou art, with thy woe, fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, “Go”, but surely will take out thy stain.
A fountain is opened for sin, and thousands its virtues have proved.
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein, and wash thee from filth in His blood.*

*The soul that on Jesus relies, He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives more blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep, nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep; they're His and He will hold them fast.*

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“God is Able”

(As a reminder, the congregation will join the praise team on the second verse.)

*God is with us, God is on our side. He will make a way.
Far above all we know. Far above all we hope. He has done great things.*

***Lifted up, He defeated the grave. Raised to life, our God is able.
In His name, we overcome, for the Lord our God is able.***

*God is with us, He will go before. He will never leave us.
God is for us. He has open arms. He will never fail us.*

(chorus)

INTERCEDING FOR GOD'S WORLD

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:14-16 ESV

¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Acknowledgment, Adoration and Alms”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Jesus Cast a Look on Me”

*Jesus cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity;
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only Thee to know.*

*All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside;
Bid my will to Thine submit, lay me humbly at Thy feet.*

*Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled;
Seeing only in Thy light, walking only in Thy might.*

*Leaning on Thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest;
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from His precious blood.*

*In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give;
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!*

Commissioning and Benediction

Thank You for Worshiping with Us Today

OUR MISSION

By God's grace alone and to His glory alone, the First Presbyterian Church of Rome exists to worship God in His greatness and holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity, to know Jesus Christ in his fullness, to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to be united together as a community of faith.

In grateful response to the privilege of knowing God and being called according to His purpose, we long to grow as faithful, fruitful followers of Jesus Christ. To this end, through joyful submission, we will emphasize and strive as a corporate body:

- to live together in authentic and loving fellowship,
- to make and mobilize disciples,
- to share the Gospel in word and action locally and around the world, and
- to serve sacrificially the community in which God has placed us.

* We acknowledge that Christ has given the church universal its 'mission' in the call to fulfill the Great Commission and honor the Great Commandment. Our Mission Statement sets forth how our particular church, at this season and place, shall emphasize its part in this greater, corporate calling. Our Mission Statement is to serve as our means of testing and direction in particular ministry without, in any way, limiting what God may otherwise do in leading us. It is subordinate to the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which consists of the Book of Order (comprised of The Book of Government, The Book of Discipline and the Book of Worship), the Westminster Confession of Faith (including the Larger and Shorter Catechisms) and the document "Essentials of Our Faith". In turn all of these documents are subordinate to Scripture, the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks.

LET'S CONNECT

If you are visiting with us today, we would love to have the opportunity to answer any questions you may have about our ministries. Please fill out our Connect Card and our Connections team will contact you. We look forward to connecting with you!

Ministry Opportunities: Discover how God has gifted you for His service and shows you potential areas of service in the church and community. Complete our Serve Profile at www.fpcrome.org/serve.

ShelbyNext: Visit our church website for access to our giving platform, membership directory, calendar, and more at www.fpcrome.org.

Sunday Mornings at FPC: We offer several Sunday studies for all ages. For a complete list visit our website.

Prayer Requests: To submit a Prayer Request for you or someone you know that is in need, you may do so on our website, or you may contact the church office. If you would like to receive updated prayer requests please contact the church office at info@fpcrome.org.

Missions: FPC supports several local and global missions. For more details please visit our website or contact Mr. Rob Davis at robd@fpcrome.org.

Pray for Our Church Leaders

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