



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
August 17, 2025
10:00 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

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

- *John 4:23-24*

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

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

“Jubilation”
Jason Payne

Announcements

Mrs. Mandy Williams &
Rob Davis

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalms 92:1-5, 8

Leader: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

All: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,

Leader: to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

All: For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

Leader: How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts!

All: You, O Lord, are exalted forever.

Hymn of Praise No. 291

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

Verse 1 & 2 - All

Verse 3 - Women

Verse 4 - Men

Verse 5 - All (Unaccompanied)

Verse 6 & 7 - All

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song of Response

The Doxology
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN*

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshipped other gods: money, power, lust, greed, comfort, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest, instead of sacrificially serving you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.
All: Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Reflection No. 452

“In Christ Alone”
IN CHRIST ALONE

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”
arr. James Ward
Summer Choir
Mrs. Amy Neal, piano

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:22-25 ESV
Mr. Robert Bradham

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Grace and Love”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Hymn of Response No. 409

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
DENNIS

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

“You Shall Go Out With Joy!”
Douglas Wagner

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 LeAnn McDaniel at leannm@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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