



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
August 2, 2026
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

"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe."

- *Hebrews 12:28*

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

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

from Hebrews 4 and 12

Leader: Since we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

All: For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Leader: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace.

All: That we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Leader: In Christ, we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Therefore let us be grateful, and offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

All: The Lord is our refuge and strength, our very present help in trouble. Let us worship God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

“Wonderful Merciful Savior”

Wonderful, Merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend.

Who would have thought that a Lamb could,

Rescue the souls of men, Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Teacher, spirit we long to embrace;

You offer hope when our hearts have,

Hopelessly lost the way, Oh, we’ve hopelessly lost the way.

You are the one that we praise, You are the one we adore.

You give the healing and grace, our hearts always hunger for.

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving your own.

Here in our weakness You find us.

Falling before Your throne, Oh, we’re falling before Your throne.

(chorus)

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“He Is Lord”

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

'Tis at the cross of Christ, where earth and heaven meet.

Where sin is overcome. To God the victory.

He is Lord. He is Lord. Sings my soul, He is the Lord.

And He lives. Yes He lives. I'm alive, 'cause Jesus lives.

And now, let the earth resound with praise, for our Saviour God He reigns.

He is high and lifted up. Arise, for the king of glory waits.

He is coming back again. He is coming back again.

(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

Psalm 46 ESV
Mr. Jonny Maxwell

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” ¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Our Refuge When Everything Shakes”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Christ alone, cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

(chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

(chorus)

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.

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