



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
August 9, 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

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."

- *1 Peter 1:3*

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

Announcements

Welcome

Corporate Call to Worship

Merciful Father, we come into Your presence not because of our own righteousness, but because of Your steadfast love and abundant mercy revealed in Jesus Christ. As we prepare our hearts for worship, search us and know us, exposing every hidden sin, every misplaced affection, and every proud thought that would hinder our fellowship with You. Grant us the grace of true repentance—not merely sorrow over the consequences of our sin, but godly grief that leads us to turn from sin and cling more fully to Christ. Create in us clean hearts, O God, renew a right spirit within us, and fill us anew with the joy of Your salvation, that our worship today may be offered with humble hearts, grateful lips, and lives wholly devoted to Your glory. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, Amen.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

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 Response

“How Deep the Father's Love for Us”

*How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure;
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers;
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished,
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection;
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.*

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Satisfied”

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

*Feeding on the filth around me, till my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on.*

***Hallelujah! He has found me! The One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through His blood I now am saved.***

*Poor I was, and sought for riches, something that would satisfy;
But the dust I gathered round me only mocked my soul's sad cry.*

(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

Psalms 51 ESV

Ms. Lauren Baker

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. ⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. ¹⁴Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. ¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. ¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; ¹⁹then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“The Blessing of Repentance”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Mercy Reigns”

*My God is strong enough to raise me from the grave,
Your love is great enough to take away my shame; Your mercy reigns.*

*My God is making new the wreckage of my heart,
Your hand is reaching down to pull me from the dark.*

***Your mercy reigns, Your mercy covers me.
Your grace sustains, Your grace is all I need.***

*Your spirit is my strength to overcome the past,
I set my eyes on you and find a grace that lasts.*

(chorus)

I'm forgiven, washed inside a love that never lets go, You never let go.

(chorus)

My God is strong enough to raise me from the grave.

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.

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