



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
August 16, 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

"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

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Announcements

Mr. Rob Davis, Director of Adult Discipleship & Missions

Mrs. Mandy Williams, Director of Women's Ministry

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

from Lamentations 3

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end.

People: They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Leader: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul.

People: Therefore we will hope in Him and worship His holy name.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing Thy grace,

Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise His name- I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;

And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?*

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*He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God it found out me!*

(chorus)

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed thee.*

(chorus)

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

(chorus)

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

United in Our Global Missions

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Here's My Heart”

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

***Here's my heart, Lord, here's my heart, Lord;
Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.***

*'Cause I am found, I am Yours. I am loved, I'm made pure.
I have life, I can breathe. I am healed, I am free.*

*'Cause You are strong, You are sure. You are life, You've endured.
You are good, always true. You are light breaking through.*

***Here's my heart, Lord, here's my heart, Lord;
Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.
Here's my life, Lord, here's my life, Lord;
Here's my life, Lord, speak what is true.***

*You are more than enough, You are here, You are Lord.
You are hope, You are grace. You're all I have, You're everything.*

(chorus)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 55 ESV
Mr. Jeff Holloway

¹Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy! ²Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan, ³because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me. ⁴My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me. ⁵Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me. ⁶And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest; ⁷yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; *Selah*

⁸I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest." ⁹Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues; for I see violence and strife in the city. ¹⁰Day and night they go around it on its walls, and iniquity and trouble are within it; ¹¹ruin is in its midst; oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace. ¹²For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him. ¹³But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend. ¹⁴We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng. ¹⁵Let death steal over them; let them go down to Sheol alive; for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart. ¹⁶But I call to God, and the Lord will save me.

¹⁷Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice. ¹⁸He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me. ¹⁹God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old, *Selah* because they do not change and do not fear God. ²⁰My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant. ²¹His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords. ²²Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. ²³But you, O God, will cast them down into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“The Blessing of God’s Sustaining Grace”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

*Arise, my soul, arise shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.*

*He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for ev'ry race, His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.*

***Arise, (arise), arise, (arise), Arise, arise my soul, arise.
Arise, (arise), arise, (arise), Arise, arise my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fear and rise.***

*Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die."*

(chorus)

*My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear.
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And, "Father, Abba Father," cry.*

(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.

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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