



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
August 30, 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

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable."

- *Psalm 145:3*

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

Dr. Bill Pardue, Senior Pastor &

Mr. Sandy Hosea, Ruling Elder

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

from Psalm 57

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!

All: Our hearts are steadfast, O God; we will sing and make melody to You.

Leader: For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: We will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; we will sing praises to You among the nations.

Leader: Come, people of God, let us take refuge in the shadow of His wings and worship the Lord whose glory fills the earth.

All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“Echo Holy”

*Gathered at the highest throne, welcomed by a melody,
An anthem I have always known, a song that's always been in me.*

All glory and honor, dominion and power to You.

A million angels fall face down on the floor

All to echo, “Holy is the Lord.”

My heart can't help but sing, with all of heaven roar,

Forever echo, “Holy is the Lord.”

Oh, Oh forever echo, “Holy is the Lord.”

Memorized by every heart, written in eternity.

Every lifted voice a part, joining in the symphony.

All glory and honor, dominion and power to You.

All wisdom and wonder belong to no other but You.

(chorus)

*Standing at the end of time there before the throne of grace,
Majesty before my eyes, I'll let it take my breath away.*

(chorus)

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

“Christ Be Magnified”

*Were creation suddenly articulate with a thousand tongues to lift one cry,
Then from north to south and east to west we'd hear, “Christ be magnified!”*

*Were the whole earth echoing His eminence His name would burst from sea and sky,
From rivers to the mountain tops we'd hear, “Christ be magnified!”*

***O Christ be magnified! Let His praise arise.
Christ be magnified in me. O Christ be magnified!
From the altar of my life, Christ be magnified in me.***

*When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody and ev'ry human heart its native cry,
O, then in one enraptured hymn of praise, we'll sing, “Christ be magnified!”*

(chorus)

*I won't bow to idols. I'll stand strong and worship You.
And if it puts me in the fire, I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too.
I won't be formed by feelings. I hold fast to what is true.
If the cross brings transformation, then I'll be crucified with You.
'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life.
If I join You in Your suff'rings, then I'll join You when You rise.
And when You return in glory with all the angels and the saints,
My heart will still be singing. My song will be the same:*

(chorus)

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Psalm 103”

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

He forgives your sins, heals your diseases, redeems your life from the pit.

Crowns you with love, crowns you with compassion,

Fills you with good things, with good things, good things, good things.

He satisfies you with good things, good things.

Praise the Lord - O my soul, O my soul,

All my inmost being praise His name.

Praise the Lord - O my soul, O my soul,

Forget not all His benefits praise His name.

As far as the east is to the west,

So far has He removed my transgressions,

O my soul, O my soul, downcast He's been good to me.

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 57 ESV

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Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. ² I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. ³ He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. *Selah*

God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness! ⁴ My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts—the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords. ⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! ⁶ They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it themselves. *Selah*

⁷ My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! ⁸ Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! ⁹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. ¹⁰ For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. ¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“A Psalm from the Cave”

Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

*What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.*

*To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

*The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

*No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.*

*To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

*With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.*

*To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

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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