



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
September 6, 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

Announcements

Dr. Bill Pardue, Senior Pastor &

Mr. Sandy Hosea, Ruling Elder

Welcome

Corporate Prayer of Preparation

Almighty and gracious God, quiet our restless hearts as we come into Your presence, and turn our attention away from the many voices that compete for our trust to You alone, our rock and our salvation. By Your Spirit, loosen our grip on every false security and remind us that our hope, our strength, and our significance are found in Jesus Christ, in whom all Your promises are sure. Prepare us now to hear Your Word, to receive Your grace, and to pour out our hearts before You in prayer. And as You meet us in worship, awaken within us joyful praise, that with steadfast hearts we might proclaim Your power, Your steadfast love, and Your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“Holy”

What heart could hold the weight of Your love, and know the heights of Your great worth?

What eyes could look on Your glorious face, shining like the sun?

You are holy, holy, holy, God most high and God most worthy.

You are holy, holy, holy, Jesus, You are, Jesus, You are.

Your name alone has pow'r to raise us. Your light will shine when all else fades.

Our eyes will look on Your glorious face, shining like the sun. Who is like You God?

(chorus)

Who shall we say You are? You're the living God.

Who shall we say You are? You're the Great I Am.

The highest name of all, You're all You say You are.

(chorus)

And You will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

All eyes will look on Your glorious face, shining like the sun. Who is like You God?

(chorus)

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord.
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His Holy bride.
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

*Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth.
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food.
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.*

***Praise to the King of kings, high on Heaven's throne.
Christ, our redeemer, firm foundation.***

*Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And with the saints communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy, Lord give us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly on high may dwell with Thee.*

(chorus)

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OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Psalm 62”

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

*Find rest, my soul, in God alone Amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go, Don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow- Are harvested in heaven.*

***O praise Him, hallelujah, My Delight and my Reward;
Everlasting, never failing, My Redeemer, my God.***

*I'll set my gaze on God alone, And trust in Him completely;
With every day pour out my soul, And He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, A sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death And I am His forever.*

(chorus)

O praise Him, O praise Him, hallelujah, hallelujah.

(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 62 ESV

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¹For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. ²He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken. ³How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence? ⁴They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. *Selah*

⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. ⁶He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. ⁷On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. ⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah*

⁹Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. ¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them. ¹¹Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, ¹²and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“God Alone”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“All Must Be Well”

*Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.
Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.
We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying,
Yes in living or in dying, all must be well.*

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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