



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
September 13, 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 CONFESSION OF FAITH CHAPTER 21, 1-2*

God's People Gather for Worship

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Announcements

Mnason and Matthew Cochran

Trail Life

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

-r om Psalm 98

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

All: his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Leader: The Lord has made his salvation known

All: and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

Leader: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel:

All: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“Holy Forever”

A thousand generations falling down in worship,

To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe;

Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

(Jesus) Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest.

Your name stands above them all, all thrones and dominions;

All powers and positions, Your name stands above them all.

And the angels cry Holy. All creation cries Holy.

You are lifted high Holy, Holy forever.

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed,

Sing the song forever to the Lamb.

If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name,

Sing the song forever to the Lamb.

We'll sing the song forever and amen.

Hear Your people sing Holy. To the King of Kings Holy.

You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

RE Greg Garrett

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him.

Yet I look for worldly treasure, and forsake the King of kings.

But mine is hope in my Redeemer, though I fall, His love is sure.

For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.

Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good.

But mine is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need.

I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes His work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.

One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name.

But mine is armour for this battle, strong enough to last the war.

And He has said He will deliver, safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk.

For there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore.

Come rejoice now, O my soul, for His love is my reward.

Fear is gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore.

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk.

For there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore.

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Goodness of God”

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

*I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
And in darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God.*

***And all my life You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.***

*Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me*

(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 67 ESV
Caleb Dollahite

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*
²that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*
⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. ⁷God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Blessed to Bless the Nations”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“I Want To Know You”

*I've tried in vain a thousand ways my fears to quell, my hopes to raise,
But what I need, Your word has said is ever, only, Jesus.*

*You died, you live, you reign, you plead; there's love in all your words and deeds.
This weary heart finds all it needs in ever, only, Jesus.*

***I want to know you, Jesus, my Lord, king of the Heavens, king of my soul.
I trade my treasure and all my rewards, Jesus, to know you, then know you more.***

*Though some should curse me for your name, I have no fear, I have no shame.
You stand with me for all my days, my ever, only Jesus.*

(chorus)

*Like wave after wave on the ocean, like all of the sand on the shore,
Your beauty and glory are endless. O Jesus, I must know you more.*

(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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