



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
September 26, 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

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

- *John 4:23-24*

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

Pastor Jonathan & Larra Schwartz

Marriage Ministry

Welcome

Corporate Prayer of Preparation

Almighty and gracious God, You have called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light and gathered us as Your people through the saving work of Jesus Christ. As we come before You in worship, lift our eyes from ourselves to behold Your glory, awaken us again to the wonder of the gospel, and fill us with gratitude for the grace we have received. By Your Holy Spirit, deepen our love for Christ and give us Your heart for those who do not yet know Him, that we might worship You with joy and go from this place eager to make known the excellencies of the One who has saved us. Prepare us now to hear Your Word, receive Your grace, and offer our praise, that everything we do might serve the glory of Your name and the advance of Your gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“Come Thou Almighty King”

*Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise. Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days. Ancient of Days.*

*Come, Thou incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success; spirit of holiness, on us descend.*

***Come and reign, come and reign, come and reign our King.
Come and reign, come and reign, come and reign our King.
Our One and only King.***

*Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour: Thou who Almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, spirit of power.*

*To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence evermore: Thy sov'reign majesty,
May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore*

*Come and reign, come and reign, come and reign our King.
Come and reign, come and reign, come and reign our King.
Our One and only King.*

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

RE Matt Claytor

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

“Poor Sinner Dejected with Fear”

*Poor sinner, dejected with fear, unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear, Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace is able and willing to save;
A sweet and permanent peace He'll freely and faithfully give.*

*Come just as thou art, with thy woe, fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, “Go”, but surely will take out thy stain.
A fountain is opened for sin, and thousands its virtues have proved.
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein, and wash thee from filth in His blood.*

*The soul that on Jesus relies, He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives more blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep, nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep; they're His and He will hold them fast.*

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Give Me Jesus”

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

When I am alone, when I am alone, Oh when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

When I come to die, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

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

Exodus 20:1-17 ESV

¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Our Great Provider”
Rev. Matt Koehn

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“I Want To Know You”

*When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.*

***He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.***

*Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.*

(chorus)

*For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last!*

(chorus)

Commissioning and Benediction

Big Idea: While we steal to protect, God is revealed to provide, and we can trust Him in our fear and insecurity.

Discussion questions

1. How have you personally experienced having your dignity "stolen"? How have you participated in stealing dignity from others?
2. How have you observed a scarcity or abundance mindset in your own life? In the world around you?
3. How have you experienced His provision in your own life?
4. Have you ever been wary of getting to know someone, but eventually became friends? What was that like?
5. When have you been afraid to do something, but experienced God's faithfulness when you did it anyway?
6. If God really does provide everything we need when we need it, what is your next faithful step to show & tell someone about Jesus?

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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