



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
January 22, 2023
11:00 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

Gathering Song

"Come As You Are"

Welcome and Announcements

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Call to Worship

From Psalm 65

What mighty praise, O God, belongs to you in Zion. We will fulfill our vows to you, for you answer our prayers. All of us must come to you. Though we are overwhelmed by our sins, you forgive them all. What joy for those you choose to bring near, those who live in your holy courts. What festivities await us inside your holy Temple.

Song of Praise

"All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name"

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*Hail Him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*With every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!*

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Responsive Prayer of Confession

From Psalm 25

Leader: O God, we need Christ to renew our commitment.

All: We confess that our lack of faith has made us fearful.

Leader - Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

All - Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Leader - Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

All - For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Leader - Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

All - Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reponse

"I Stand Amazed"

*I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, A sinner, condemned, unclean.*

***How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! how wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!***

*He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, And suffered and died alone.*

(chorus)

*When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages To sing of His love for me.*

(chorus)

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

The Sacrament of Baptism

Niyah Grace Hickman

Emily Shae Hickman

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Echo Holy"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 12:27-36 ESV

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Exalting Christ, Advancing the Gospel"
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 Tracy Dupree at tracyd@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.

Pray for Our Church Leaders

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