



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
November 16, 2025
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

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."

- *1 Peter 1:3*

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

Pastor Bill Pardue

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: When trials come, do not be surprised—they are God's way of shaping our hearts.

All: We rejoice to share in Christ's sufferings, for through the cross He leads us to the crown.

Leader: When we are mocked or misunderstood for His name, the Spirit of glory rests upon us. We will not be ashamed, but will trust our faithful Creator and keep doing good.

All: Together we worship the God who turns suffering into glory, and the cross into a crown through the Gospel of Christ!

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

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reflection

“Come As You Are”

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.

Come broken hearted let rescue begin.

Come find your mercy, oh sinner come Kneel.

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

So lay down your burdens lay down your shame.

All who are broken, lift up your face.

Oh wonderer come home, you're not too far.

So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed.

Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.

There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.

(chorus)

Come as you are. Fall in his arms. Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning oh sinner be still.

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

(chorus)

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Here's My Heart”

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

Here's my heart, Lord, here's my heart, Lord;

Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.

'Cause I am found, I am Yours. I am loved, I'm made pure.

I have life, I can breathe. I am healed, I am free.

*'Cause You are strong, You are sure. You are life, You've endured.
You are good, always true. You are light breaking through.*

***Here's my heart, Lord, here's my heart, Lord;
Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.
Here's my life, Lord, here's my life, Lord;
Here's my life, Lord, speak what is true.***

*You are more than enough, You are here, You are Lord.
You are hope, You are grace. You're all I have, You're everything.*

(chorus)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 4:12-19 ESV
Ms. Caroline Looney

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Grace and Suffering, Part 5"
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Jesus Paid It All”

*I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.”*

***Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.***

*Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine along,
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone.*

(chorus)

*And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save” my lips shall still repeat.*

(chorus)

O praise the one who paid my debt and raised this life up from the dead.

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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