



# First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day  
January 25, 2026  
9:00 AM Worship Service

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# Vision for Worship

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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**

"It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear."

- *Deuteronomy 6:13*

## **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*

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# God's People Gather for Worship

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## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

"Here I Am Lord"  
*arr. Mark Hayes*

Announcements

Mr. Rob Davis  
Director of Adult Discipleship and Missions Ministry

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

## DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Call to Worship

Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16

*Leader: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

**All: I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress."**

*Leader: "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name."*

**All: "He will call upon me," says the Lord," and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."**

Hymn of Praise No. 216

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
LOBE DEN HERREN

## AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Song of Response

The Doxology  
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him, all creatures here below!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN*

## CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of you holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reflection No. 432

“By Grace I’m Saved”  
MENTZER

## OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Sing Your Maker Praise”  
*arr. Joyce Vickery and Dan Forrest*  
Chancel Choir

## 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

Psalms 4, NIV 1984

Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer. <sup>2</sup>How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods? Selah

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD will hear when I call to him.

<sup>4</sup>In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent. Selah

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices and trust in the LORD. <sup>6</sup>Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?"

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD. <sup>7</sup>You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound. <sup>8</sup>I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Sleep in Peace"  
Dr. Jonathan Schwartz

## SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Hymn of Response No. 158

"All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"  
TALLIS' CANON

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"  
*arr. H. Fleischer*  
Mrs. Barbara Elliott, guest organist

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# Thank You for Worshiping with Us Today

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## 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](http://www.fpcrome.org/serve).

**ShelbyNext:** Visit our church website for access to our giving platform, membership directory, calendar, and more at [www.fpcrome.org](http://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 LeAnn McDaniel at [leannm@fpcrome.org](mailto:leannm@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](mailto:robd@fpcrome.org).

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# Pray for Our Church Leaders

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