



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
October 4, 2026
9 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

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Carol Foss

Ms. Jordan Walker, piano

Dr. Stefanie Cash, flute

Announcements

Mr. Jackson Keene, Chairman

Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, worship the living God today! Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and the earth. Remember that God raised Jesus from the powerlessness of death to the power of his right hand. Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God's purposes.

All: Behold our God, who reigns now and forever!

Hymn of Praise No. 212

“Come Thou Almighty King”

TRINITY

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

All: Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Leader: Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

All: Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.

Leader: Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

All: We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

Leader: Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

All: Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Leader: Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

All: We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Leader: Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

All: In this and in so many ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Reflection No. 431

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

SAGINA

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Psalm 91"

Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

Based on Psalm 91: 1-7, 9-12

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust."*

He will deliver you from the fowler's snare, and under His wings you will find refuge. His faithfulness shall be your shield and rampart.

You will not fear the terror by night or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or ravages at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand; but you will not be harmed.

If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the Lord, who is my refuge—then no harm will befall you; no scourge will approach your tent.

He will give His angels charge over you; on their hands they will lift you up, lest you strike your foot upon a stone.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 91 ESV
Mrs. Tori Boyd

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” ³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. ⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. ⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. ⁸You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. ⁹Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—¹⁰no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. ¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. ¹²On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. ¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot. ¹⁴“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. ¹⁵When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“A Gospel-Sheltered Life”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Hymn of Response

“Jesus Strong and Kind”

[children only]

*Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.
Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.*

(chorus)

***For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.***

[congregation joins]

*Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield. I should come to Him.*

(chorus)

*Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.
And He showed me on that cross. He will come to me.*

(chorus)

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Marche Royale
Lully

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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