



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
October 4, 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

"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 CONFESSION OF FAITH CHAPTER 21, 1-2*

God's People Gather for Worship

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Announcements

Mr. Jackson Keene, Chairman
Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

based on Romans 8:31-39

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us?

All: He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

All: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Leader: For neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers—

All: Nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: Therefore, people of God, let us worship the Lord in whom our life and salvation are secure.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“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)

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

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

(chorus)

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

“His Mercy is More”

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done,
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum;
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

***Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.***

*What patience would wait as we constantly roam,
What Father so tender, is calling us home;
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

(chorus)

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us,
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost;
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford,
And our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

(chorus)

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Psalm 34: Taste and See”

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

*O taste and see that the Lord is good. O blessed is he who hides in Him.
O fear the Lord, O all you saints. He'll give you everything; he'll give you everything.*

Magnify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name together.

Glorify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name forever.

Let us bless the Lord every day and night, never-ending praise.

May our incense rise.

(chorus)

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

He'll give you everything, he'll give you everything.

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

Psalm 91 ESV

Mrs. Rachel Fuller

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—¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. ¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. ¹² On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. ¹³ You 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. ¹⁵ When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. ¹⁶ With 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

Song of Response

“Mountain”

*I've seen Your grace from the mountain. I've felt You there in the valley below
I see Your love and Your mercy; You're guiding me home.*

*I know You're in ev'ry season. I feel Your hand bringing peace and control.
Jesus, Your love is my anchor. You're my only hope, You're my only hope,
I will trust in You. I will not be moved.*

***High on the mountain I will be lifting my voice,
And in the valley I will be dancing for joy.
In ev'ry season, You are worthy; in ev'ry moment, You're wonderful.***

*You are my light and salvation. My God is with me; there's nothing to fear.
Jesus, our hope, our redemption, Your presence is here,
Your presence is here. I will trust in You. I will not be moved.*

*We won't be silent. Our hearts on fire: Jesus, our Victory.
This sound of triumph, this song inside us: Jesus our Victory
You're our Victory!*

(chorus)

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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