



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
October 11, 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

"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe."

- *Hebrews 12:28*

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

Mr. Camden Garrett, Director of College Ministry
Mr. Rob Davis, Director of Adult Discipleship/Missions

Welcome

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.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

"A Thousand Hallelujahs"

*Who else would rocks cry out to worship, whose glory taught the stars to shine?
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing, but this joy is mine.*

***With a thousand hallelujahs we magnify Your name,
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise.
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours,
A thousand hallelujahs and a thousand more.***

*Who else would die for our redemption, whose resurrection means I'll rise;
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done, but I have eternity to try.*

(chorus)

*Praise to the Lord, to the Lamb, to the King of heaven.
Praise for He rose, now He reigns, we will sing forever.*

(chorus)

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

“All My Boast is in Jesus”

What wonder of wonders, what love is this that Christ would die for me?

His goodness, His merit, His righteousness, this sinner's only plea.

O foolish pride, be crucified the work is finished.

All my boast is in Jesus. All my hope is His love.

And I will glory forever in what the cross has done.

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled with graces undeserved.

For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill, let praises now return.

Rise up my soul, and bless the Lord. Who else is worthy?

(chorus)

O praise the One, forever blessed. Him alone my heart adores.

And I will boast in nothing less than the love of Christ my Lord.

I boast not in riches, in strength or might, but in the grace of God.

I glory in weakness, to live is Christ in plenty or in want.

That I may know, that all may see His pow'r within me.

(chorus)

Now I stand in this freedom, ransomed clean in His sight.

And I cannot be ashamed for my boast is Jesus Christ.

My boast is Jesus Christ. Forever, my boast is Jesus Christ.

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Jesus Cast a Look on Me”

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

Jesus cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity;

Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only Thee to know.

*All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside;
Bid my will to Thine submit, lay me humbly at Thy feet.
Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled;
Seeing only in Thy light, walking only in Thy might.
Leaning on Thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest;
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from His precious blood.
In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give;
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103 ESV

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. ¹⁵As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; ¹⁶for the wind passes over it, and it is gone and its place knows it no more. ¹⁷But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. ¹⁹The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. ²⁰Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! ²¹Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! ²²Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Knowing and Praising God”
Rev. Ken Chivers

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

Song of Preparation

“Behold the Lamb”

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.*

***So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.***

*The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.*

(chorus)

*The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.*

(chorus)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Partaking of the Elements

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Behold the Lamb”

*And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.*

***So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.***

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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