

First Presbyterian

ROME

The Lord's Day

November 8, 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."
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> *- 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

Prelude — Voluntary on "Slane"
Jason Payne

Announcements — Mr. Rob Edens and Mr. Charlie Curlee
Senior Director and Assistant Director of Student Ministry

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Responsive Call to Worship — Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.
Leader: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.
All: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Hymn of Praise No. 379 — "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
MADRID

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Affirmation of Faith — The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Corporate Prayer of Confession Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18

Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. For the sake of your name, O Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.

Assurance of Pardon

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings "God Wouldn't Bring You This Far to Leave You"

Tom Trenney

Chancel Choir

God wouldn't bring you this far to leave you.
God wouldn't bring you this far to let you go.
God wouldn't bring you this far to leave you.
No height nor depth nor anything else can separate us from the love that God will show.

My God delivered Daniel from the lion's den and Jonah from the belly of a whale!
God led the Hebrew people to their freedom in the end.
God's love for us will never ever fail!

Young David slayed Goliath. Miriam walked across the sea.
The walls of Jericho came tumblin' down.
Queen Esther saved her people. Paul and Silas were set free.
Take up your cross! One day you'll wear a crown!

God will not leave you. The Lord will not leave you wherever you go!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading — Psalm 127 NIV

[1]Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches
over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. [2]In vain you rise early and stay up
late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves. [3]Sons are a heritage
from the Lord, children a reward from him. [4]Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are
sons born in one's youth. [5]Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will
not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon — "Fruitfulness"
Dr. Jonathan Schwartz

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

Hymn of Preparation No. 451 — "Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat"
DALEHURST

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Partaking of the Elements

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Hymn of Response No. 245 — "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
FAITHFULNESS

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude — "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Johann Walther

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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