

First Presbyterian

ROME

The Lord's Day

November 15, 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

> "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."
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> *- 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 CONFESSION OF FAITH CHAPTER 21, 1-2

God's People Gather for Worship

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude — Arioso - Johann Sebastian Bach
Johann Sebastian Bach
Spencer Brewer, cello
Jordan Walker, piano

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 105:1-3; 118:24; 124:8

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
All: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.
Leader: Glory in his holy name;
All: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;
All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
All: Let us exalt his name together.

Hymn of Praise No. 224 — "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
JOANNA)

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Affirmation of Faith — Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
All: He makes me lie down in green pastures,
Leader: He leads me beside quiet waters,
All: he restores my soul.
Leader: He guides me in paths of righteousness
All: for his name's sake.
Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
All: I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
Leader: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

All: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
Leader: You anoint my head with oil;
All: my cup overflows.
Leader: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
All: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Reflection No. 187 "I Belong to Jesus"
SCHUMANN

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings "Search Me O God"
Chancel Choir
Spencer Brewer, cello

Words based on Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart. See if there be any wickedness in me.
Is there strife? Is there pride? A transgression that is hidden from my eyes?

Search me, O God, and know my heart. And lead me in the path eternal.
And lead me to life that's everlasting, eternal.

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me, know me. Search my heart.

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 139 ESV

Mrs. Robin Sorrow

[1]O Lord, you have searched me and known me! [2] You know when I sit down and when I
rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. [3] You search out my path and my lying
down and are acquainted with all my ways. [4] Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. [5] You hem me in, behind and before, and lay
your hand upon me. [6] Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot
attain it. [7] Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
[8] If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! [9] If I
take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, [10] even
there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. [11] If I say, "Surely
the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," [12] even the darkness is
not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you. [13] For
you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. [14] I praise
you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul
knows it very well. [15] My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in
secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. [16] Your eyes saw my unformed
substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed
for me, when as yet there was none of them. [17] How precious to me are your thoughts,
O God! How vast is the sum of them! [18] If I would count them, they are more than the
sand. I awake, and I am still with you. [19] Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O
men of blood, depart from me! [20] They speak against you with malicious intent; your
enemies take your name in vain. [21] Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I
not loathe those who rise up against you? [22] I hate them with complete hatred; I count
them my enemies. [23] Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my
thoughts! [24] And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon — “Fully Known, Extravagantly Loved”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Hymn of Response No. 533 — “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”
HOLY DESIRE

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude — “The Church’s One Foundation”
Mary McDonald

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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