

First Presbyterian

ROME

The Lord's Day

November 15, 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."
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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

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

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship — based on Romans 11

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
Congregation: "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"
Leader: "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"
Congregation: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

All: To him be glory forever. Amen.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise — "Only a Holy God"

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven, who else could make every king bow down.
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles, only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises, what other splendour outshines the sun.
What other majesty rules with justice, only a Holy God.

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God,
Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire, what other power can raise the dead.
What other name remains undefeated, only a Holy God.

(chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing, who else would offer His only Son.
Who else invites me to call Him Father, only a Holy God, only my Holy God.

(chorus)

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see, that fountain in his day;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood, shall never lose its pow'r;
Till all the ransomed church of God, be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God, be saved, to sin no more.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue, lies silent in the grave;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

The Sacrament of Baptism Rhett Galster Keith

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings "Psalm 91"

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

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings.
Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you shine like the sun.
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night.,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

(chorus)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Psalm 139 ESV
Mrs. Amy Cox

[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

Song of Response "Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for my fight, be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower. Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

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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