

First Presbyterian

ROME

The Lord's Day

November 22, 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

> "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead…"
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> *- 1 Peter 1:3*

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 — "The Church in the Wildwood"
Dan Miller

Announcements — Pastor Bill Pardue

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Responsive Call to Worship — Psalm 103:1-5

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being praise his holy name.
All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
Leader: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
All: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Hymn of Praise No. 380 — "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
DIADEMATA

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Affirmation of Faith — based on Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John 20:8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6; Revelaiton 22:13

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Reflection No. 457 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

GERMANY.

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath"

Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir

Psalm 146-1-2

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live, hallelujah.
I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler pow'rs.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and being last,
or immortality endures.
How happy they whose hope rely on Israel's God,
who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train.
Whose truth forever stands secure, who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor,
and none shall find God's promise vain.
The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; the Lord supports the fainting mind.
God sends the laboring conscience peace, and grants the prisoner sweet release.
God helps the stranger in distress, the widowed and the parentless.

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 146 ESV
Mr. Alex Davis

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! [2]I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. [3]Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. [4]When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. [5]Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, [6]who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; [7]who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; [8]the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. [9]The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. [10]The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon — "The Blessed Life is the Praise-Filled Life"
Rev. Ken Chivers

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Hymn of Response No. 284 — “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”
LYONS

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude — “Now Thank We All Our God”
Karg-Elert

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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