

First Presbyterian

ROME

The Lord's Day

November 22, 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 — Pastor Bill Pardue, Senior Pastor

Welcome

Corporate Prayer of Preparation

Almighty and everlasting God, You alone are the King of kings and Lord of lords. Your kingdom is eternal, Your faithfulness never fails, and Your mercies are new every morning. As we gather in Your presence, lift our hearts above the fleeting concerns of this world and fix our eyes upon Jesus Christ, our risen and reigning Savior. By Your Holy Spirit, awaken our affections, strengthen our faith, and fill our hearts with gratitude and joy, that all we say, sing, and do this morning might be pleasing in Your sight and bring glory to Your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise — "All Things Ready"

"All things are ready," come, come to the supper spread;
Come, rich and poor, come, old and young, come, and be richly fed.

"All things are ready," come, the invitation's given,
Through Him who now in glory sits at God's right hand in heaven. All things are ready.

The door is open wide for Christ the Son has died
Oh feast upon the love of God
O come where you belong, sing resurrection songs
All things are ready, all things are ready, come

"All things are ready," come, all barriers are removed;
And God, in Christ, His precious love to fallen man has proved.

"All things are ready," come, tomorrow may not be;
O sinner, come, the Savior waits this hour to welcome thee. All things are ready.

(chorus)

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response "God Be Merciful to Me"

God be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, Blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face.
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my Spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to Thee.
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips O Lord and my mouth shall praise accord.

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Partnering in Ministry

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings "I Stand Amazed"

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

For me he prayed in the garden and bowed to the will divine;
He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Saviour's love for me!

In pity angels beheld Him, and came from the world of light.
To strengthen Him in the sorrows He bore for my soul that night.

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Saviour's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

(chorus)

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

(chorus)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading — Psalm 146 ESV
Mr. David Seabolt

[1]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

Song of Response "Grace So Glorious"

Beneath the cross of Jesus Christ, no shadow remains for shame to hide.
Redemption shone for all to see. Perfection bore our penalty with a grace so glorious…
Immortal day, the veil was torn when mercy donned a crown of thorns.
As law gave way to liberty and freedom for humanity with a grace so glorious…

Oh, the glory of the Savior's love, surrounding our surrender.
To know forever we are welcomed home.

Crowned in glory to glory, Worthy is the Lord of all, the glory forever. Holy is the Lord.
Triumphant praises without end, all hailing the King of righteousness.
And every eye beholds the One our hearts were undeserving of, with a grace so glorious.
(chorus)

O wondrous day when I will see the face of Him who ransomed me.
I'll fall in worship at His feet, and rise to reign eternally
In a grace so glorious, in a grace so glorious.

Crowned in glory to glory, Worthy is the Lord of all, the glory forever. Holy is the Lord.

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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