



# First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day  
February 8, 2026  
11 AM Worship Service

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# Vision for Worship

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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,"

- *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 CONFSSION OF FAITH CHAPTER 21, 1-2*

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# God's People Gather for Worship

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## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. David and Jessica Baker  
Community Group Leader for Couples

Welcome

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“Echo Holy”

*Gathered at the highest throne, welcomed by a melody,  
An anthem I have always known, a song that's always been in me.  
All glory and honor, dominion and Power to You.*

***A million angels fall face down on the floor  
All to echo, “Holy is the Lord.”  
My heart can't help but sing, with all of heaven roar,  
Forever echo, “Holy is the Lord.”  
Oh, Oh forever echo, “Holy is the Lord.”***

*Memorized by every heart, written in eternity,  
Every lifted voice a part, joining in the symphony.  
All glory and honor, dominion and power to You.  
All wisdom and wonder belong to no other but You.*

**(Chorus)**

*Standing at the end of time there before the throne of grace,  
Majesty before my eyes, I'll let it take my breath away.*

**(chorus)**

## CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reflection

“Jesus Cast a Look On Me”

*Jesus cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity;  
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only Thee to know.*

*All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside;  
Bid my will to Thine submit, lay me humbly at Thy feet.*

*Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled;  
Seeing only in Thy light, walking only in Thy might.*

*Leaning on Thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest;  
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from His precious blood.*

*In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give;  
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!*

## OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Christ Be Magnified”

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

*When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody and ev'ry human heart its native cry,  
O, then in one enraptured hymn of praise, we'll sing, “Christ be magnified!”*

***O Christ be magnified! Let His praise arise.  
Christ be magnified in me. O Christ be magnified!  
From the altar of my life, Christ be magnified in me.***

*I won't bow to idols. I'll stand strong and worship You.  
And if it puts me in the fire, I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too.  
I won't be formed by feelings. I hold fast to what is true.  
If the cross brings transformation, Then I'll be crucified with You.  
'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life.  
If I join You in Your suff'rings, then I'll join You when You rise.  
And when You return in glory with all the angels and the saints,  
My heart will still be singing. My song will be the same:*

**(chorus)**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 5 ESV

Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning. <sup>2</sup> Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray. <sup>3</sup> O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. <sup>4</sup> For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. <sup>5</sup> The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. <sup>6</sup> You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. <sup>7</sup> But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. <sup>8</sup> Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me. <sup>9</sup> For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue. <sup>10</sup> Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you. <sup>11</sup> But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. <sup>12</sup> For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Praying Our Way Through Darkness”  
Dr. Bill Pardue

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

Song of Preparation

“Keep The Feast”

*Joyfully we join You at Your table, pleading not our righteousness.  
By Your wealth of mercy we are able now to feast in confidence.*

***Take this bread and eat. Take this cup and drink.  
Remember how He loved us. Rejoice and keep the feast.***

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Partaking of the Elements

## SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Keep the Feast”

*Who is fit to feast with such a Savior? Who His sandals could untie?  
Who are we that He would show us favor, granting us this gift of life?*

***Take this bread and eat. Take this cup and drink.  
Remember how He loved us. Rejoice and keep the feast.***

*Happy sign of friendship and reunion with the blessed Three in One.  
Foretaste of that glorious communion, vision of the world to come.*

***(chorus)***

Commissioning and Benediction

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# Thank You for Worshiping with Us Today

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## 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](http://www.fpcrome.org/serve).

**ShelbyNext:** Visit our church website for access to our giving platform, membership directory, calendar, and more at [www.fpcrome.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:robd@fpcrome.org).

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