



First Presbyterian

ROME

The Lord's Day
February 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

“It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.”

- *Deuteronomy 6:13*

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 CONFESION OF FAITH CHAPTER 21, 1-2*

God's People Gather for Worship

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Announcements

Pastor Jonathan Schwartz and

Welcome

Corporate Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“The Church's One Foundation”

*The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation By water and the Word
From heaven He came and sought her To be His Holy bride
With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died*

*Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth.
Her charter of salvation One Lord one faith one birth.
One holy name she blesses Partakes one holy food.
And to one hope she presses With every grace endued.*

*Praise to the King of kings, High on Heaven's throne.
Christ, our redeemer, firm foundation.*

*Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And with the saints communion with those whose rest is won.*

*O happy ones and holy, Lord give us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly on high may dwell with Thee.*

***Praise to the King of kings, High on Heaven's throne.
Christ, our redeemer, firm foundation.***

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reflection

“Man of Sorrows”

*Man of sorrows Lamb of God, by His own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid.*

*Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked and scorned.
Bowing to the Father's will He took a crown of thorns.*

***Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, Hallelujah, praise and honour unto Thee.***

*Sent of heaven, God's own Son to purchase and redeem.
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree.*

(chorus)

*Now, my debt is paid, it is paid in full
by the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.
Now, the curse of sin has no hold on me.
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed*

(chorus)

*See the stone is rolled away, behold the empty tomb.
Hallelujah, God be praised, He's risen from the grave.*

(chorus)

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Give Me Jesus”

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

*When I am alone, when I am alone,
Oh when I am alone, give me Jesus.*

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

*When I come to die, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.*

(chorus)

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 7 ESV

Mrs. Anna Kate Brown

O Lord my God, in you do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me,
² lest like a lion they tear my soul apart, rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.³ O Lord my God, if I have done this, if there is wrong in my hands,⁴ if I have repaid my friend^[b] with evil or plundered my enemy without cause,⁵ let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it, and let him trample my life to the ground and lay my glory in the dust. Selah

⁶ Arise, O Lord, in your anger; lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies; awake for me; you have appointed a judgment.⁷ Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you; over it return on high. ⁸ The Lord judges the peoples; judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me.⁹ Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may you establish the righteous—you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God!¹⁰ My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart. ¹¹ God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.¹² If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow; ¹³ he has prepared for him his deadly weapons, making his arrows fiery shafts.¹⁴ Behold, the wicked conceives evil and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies.¹⁵ He makes a pit, digging it out, and falls into the hole that he has made.¹⁶ His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own skull his violence descends.¹⁷ I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Calling on the Righteous One”

Rev. Ken Chivers

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“All Must Be Well”

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.

Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.

Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,

Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.

Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.

Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,

Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.

Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.

On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying,

Yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

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.

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