



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day
March 24, 2024
11:00 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 CONFSSION OF FAITH CHAPTER 21, 1-2*

God's People Gather for Worship

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Gathering Song

“All My Boast Is In Jesus”

Welcome and Announcements

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader – Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

All – Hosanna in the Highest

Leader – People of God be gathered together.

All – God has brought us together!

Leader – People of God, await Christ's coming

All – Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Song of Praise

“Come Thou Almighty King”

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,

Help us to praise. Father, all glorious,

O'er all victorious, come, and reign over us,

Ancient of Days. Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,

Our prayer attend: come, and Thy people bless,

And give Thy word success; spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come and reign, come and reign,

Come and reign our King, our One and only King.

Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear,

In this glad hour: Thou who Almighty art,

Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,

Hence evermore: Thy sov'reign majesty,

May we in glory see, and to eternity Love and adore

(chorus)

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reflection

“Psalm 34”

I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from every fear.

Those who look on Him are radiant.

They'll never be ashamed, they'll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from my enemies.

The Son of God surrounds His saints.

He will deliver them, he will deliver them.

Magnify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name together.

Glorify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name forever.

O taste and see that the Lord is good. O blessed is he who hides in Him.

O fear the Lord, O all you saints.

He'll give you everything, he'll give you everything.

Let us bless the Lord every day and night, never ending praise.

May our incense rise. Let us incense rise.

(chorus)

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Ancient Of Days”

INTERCEDING FOR GOD'S WORLD

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Ezra 6:1-12 ESV

1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in Babylonia, in the house of the archives where the documents were stored. 2 And in Ecbatana, the citadel that is in the province of Media, a scroll was found on which this was written: “A record. 3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king issued a decree: Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the house be rebuilt, the place where sacrifices were offered, and let its foundations be retained. Its height shall be sixty cubits and its breadth sixty cubits, 4 with three layers of great stones and one layer of timber. Let the cost be paid from the royal treasury. 5 And also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that is in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be restored and brought back to the temple that is in Jerusalem, each to its place. You shall put them in the house of God.” 6 “Now therefore, Tattenai, governor of the province Beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and your associates the governors who are in the province Beyond the River, keep away. 7 Let the work on this house of God alone. Let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews rebuild this house of God on its site. 8 Moreover, I make a decree regarding what you shall do for these elders of the Jews for the rebuilding of this house of God. The cost is to be paid to these men in full and without delay from the royal revenue, the tribute of the province from Beyond the River. 9 And whatever is needed—bulls, rams, or sheep for burnt offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, or oil, as the priests at Jerusalem require—let that be given to them day by day without fail, 10 that they may offer pleasing sacrifices to the God of heaven and pray for the life of the king and his sons. 11 Also I make a decree that if anyone alters this edict, a beam shall be pulled out of his house, and he shall be impaled on it, and his house shall be made a dunghill. 12 May the God who has caused his name to dwell there overthrow any king or people who shall put out a hand to alter this, or to destroy this house of God that is in Jerusalem. I Darius make a decree; let it be done with all diligence.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“The Hand of God for Our Blessing”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“A Thousand Hallelujahs”

*Who else would rocks cry out to worship, whose glory taught the stars to shine;
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing, but this joy is mine.*

***With a thousand hallelujahs we magnify Your name,
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise.***

***Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours,
A thousand hallelujahs and a thousand more.***

*Who else would die for our redemption, whose resurrection means I'll rise;
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done, but I have eternity to try.*

(chorus)

*Praise to the Lord, To the Lamb, to the King of heaven.
Praise for He rose, Now He reigns, we will sing forever.*

(chorus)

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 LeAnn McDaniel at leannm@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.

Pray for Our Church Leaders

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