



First Presbyterian
— R O M E —

The Lord's Day
March 1, 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

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

- *John 4:23-24*

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

Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Travis & Stephanie Hill
and Pastor Jonathan Schwartz

Welcome

Mrs. Mabrey Couch

Corporate Prayer of Preparation

All glorious God, you are worthy of all praise. Lord Jesus, fill our worship with grace that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Holy Spirit, renew our hearts this day. In the name of Christ, we pray, amen.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“Mountain”

*I've seen Your grace from the mountain. I've felt You there in the valley below
I see Your love and Your mercy; You're guiding me home.*

*I know You're in ev'ry season. I feel Your hand bringing peace and control.
Jesus, Your love is my anchor. You're my only hope, You're my only hope,
I will trust in You. I will not be moved.*

***High on the mountain I will be lifting my voice,
And in the valley I will be dancing for joy.***

In ev'ry season, You are worthy; in ev'ry moment, You're wonderful.

*You are my light and salvation. My God is with me; there's nothing to fear.
Jesus, our hope, our redemption, Your presence is here,
Your presence is here. I will trust in You. I will not be moved.*

*We won't be silent. Our hearts on fire: Jesus, our Victory.
This sound of triumph, this song inside us: Jesus our Victory
You're our Victory!*

(chorus)

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Mr. Caleb Sanders

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reflection

“God Be Merciful to Me”

*God be merciful to me, on they 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

Ms. Kate Fulton

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Canvas and Clay”

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

*There's a healing light just beyond the clouds.
Though I've walked through fire, I see clearly now.
I know nothing has been wasted, no failure or mistake.
You're an artist and a potter; I'm the canvas and the clay.*

***And You make all things work together for my future and for my good.
You make all things work together for Your glory and for Your name.***

*When I doubt it, Lord remind me I'm wonderfully made.
You're an artist and a potter; I'm the canvas and the clay.
I know nothing has been wasted, no failure or mistake.
You're an artist and a potter; I'm the canvas and the clay.*

***And You make all things work together for my future and for my good.
You make all things work together for Your glory and for Your name.***

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:1-11 ESV
Mr. Graham Parker

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Secured”
Mr. Rob Edens

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“I Am Not The Same”

*You restore the wasted years, You build the broken walls.
Your love replaces fear, Your mercy makes us whole.
Adopted healed and lifted.*

***I am not the same, I'm a new creation.
I am not the same anymore.
I am not ashamed, I will not be shaken.
I am not the same anymore.***

*I bow before your cross, a broken life made new.
Amazed at all You are, and who I am in You.
Adopted healed and lifted. Forgiven found and rescued.*

(chorus)

*You have overcome, it is finished, it is done.
Now my heart is finally free.
Every chain undone, by the power of the Son.
Risen Savior. Reigning King.*

(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 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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