



First Presbyterian
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The Lord's Day
March 8, 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

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable."

- *Psalm 145:3*

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

Pastor Ken Chivers

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

“Holy”

What heart could hold the weight of Your love, and know the heights of Your great worth?

What eyes could look on Your glorious face, shining like the sun?

You are holy, holy, holy, God most high and God most worthy.

You are holy, holy, holy, Jesus, You are, Jesus, You are.

*Your name alone has pow'r to raise us. Your light will shine when all else fades.
Our eyes will look on Your glorious face, shining like the sun. Who is like You God?*

(chorus)

Who shall we say You are? You're the living God.

Who shall we say You are? You're the Great I Am.

The highest name of all, You're all You say You are.

(chorus)

*And You will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.
All eyes will look on Your glorious face, shining like the sun. Who is like You God?*

(chorus)

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reflection

“Invitation Fountain”

*All who are weak. All who are weary. Come to the rock. Come to the fountain.
All who have sailed, on the rivers of heartache. Come to the sea. Come on be set free.*

***If You lead me, Lord, I will follow. Where You lead me, Lord, I will go.
Come and heal me, Lord I will follow. Where You lead me, Lord, I will go.***

*All who are weak. All who are weary. Come to the rock. Come to the fountain.
All who have climbed on the mountains of heartache. Come to the sky. Come and give your life.*

(chours)

*All who are weak. All who are weary. All who are tired. All who are thirsty.
All who have failed. All who have broken. Come to the rock. Come to the fountain.*

(chorus)

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Blessed Assurance”

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

*Perfect submission perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

*Perfect submission all is at rest, I in my savior am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting looking above, filled with his goodness and lost in his love.*

(chorus)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 8 ESV

¹ O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹ O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Praise and Purpose”
Dr. Bill Pardue

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

Song of Preparation

“Behold the Lamb”

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.*

***So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.***

*The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.*

(chorus)

*The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.*

(chorus)

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

“Behold the Lamb”

*And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond: and to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.*

***So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.***

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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