



# First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day  
March 15, 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. John Good Rich and  
Mr. Dave Abernathy

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

*Leader: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice!*

**All: Let the many coastlands be glad!**

*Leader: Christ is the head of the church, His body,*

**All: And we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

*Leader: The same Spirit who calls sinners to salvation also calls servants to shepherd and to lead.*

**All: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory.**

*Leader: From Him and through Him and to Him are all things.*

**All: To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations.**

*Leader: Come, let us worship the living God, who builds His church and faithfully supplies her with shepherds and servants.*

**All: We worship the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“Immortal Invisible”

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
Of all Thy rich graces this grace, Lord, impart  
Take the veil from our faces, the vile from our heart.*

*All laud we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee,  
And so let Thy glory, almighty, impart,  
Through Christ in His story, Thy Christ to the heart.*

## **CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS**

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and gracious God, we confess that we are a needy and sinful people. You are holy, righteous, and faithful in all Your ways, yet we are prone to pride, self-reliance, and forgetfulness of Your grace.**

**As a congregation, we confess that we often look to human strength rather than to Christ, the only Head and King of the Church. We confess that we have sometimes desired recognition more than faithfulness, efficiency more than holiness, and success in the eyes of man more than obedience before You.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, for the ways we have neglected prayer, failed to love one another deeply, or grown weary in doing good. Cleanse us from hidden faults and renew a right spirit within us. Grant that those who are called to serve today would do so in humility, courage, and joyful dependence upon Your Spirit. And grant that we, as Your people, would receive them with gratitude, support them with prayer, and together seek first Your kingdom and righteousness. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who loved the Church and gave Himself up for her. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reflection

“Invitation Fountain”

Song of Reflection

“Gospel Doxology”

*Your perfect law exposes me, I feel my sin and desperate need;  
My best good works are powerless, to satisfy Your righteousness.*

*But there is One who lived for me, His life, my only victory;  
His death forever sealed in time, that I am His and He is mine.*

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Amen*

## OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Be Thou My Vision”

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

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heav'ns Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

*Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for my fight, be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.  
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower. Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalms 19 ESV

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. <sup>4</sup>Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. <sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. <sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“The Glory of God’s Revelation”

Dr. Bill Pardue

## OFFICER INSTALLATION

Intro to Service

Dr. Bill Pardue

Installation and/or Ordination Vows of Officers

Installation Vows of Congregation

Prayer of Installation

Rev. Ken Chivers

Charge

RE Hollis Reese

Declaration of Ordination

Dr. Bill Pardue

## SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Lead On O King Eternal”

*Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest. Thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.*

***Lead on O King, lead on O King,***

***Lead on O King, lead on.***

*Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted over us, we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.*

**(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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# Pray for Our Church Leaders

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