



First Presbyterian
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The Lord's Day
March 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

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."

- *1 Peter 1:3*

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

Mr. Helen Chivers and Mrs. Bethany Johnson

VBS Directors

Welcome

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

“All Things Are Ready”

*“All things are ready,” come, come to the supper spread;
Come, rich and poor, come, old and young, come, and be richly fed.*

*“All things are ready,” come, the invitation's given,
Through Him who now in glory sits at God's right hand in heaven. All things are ready.*

***The door is open wide for Christ the Son has died
Oh feast upon the love of God***

***O come where you belong, sing resurrection songs
All things are ready, all things are ready, come***

*“All things are ready,” come, all barriers are removed;
And God, in Christ, His precious love to fallen man has proved.*

*“All things are ready,” come, tomorrow may not be;
O sinner, come, the Savior waits this hour to welcome thee. All things are ready.*

(chorus)

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reflection

“Grace Unmeasured”

*Grace unmeasured, vast and free, that knew me from eternity,
That called me out before my birth, to bring You glory on this earth.
Grace amazing, pure and deep, that saw me in my misery,
That took my curse and owned my blame, so I could bear your righteous name.*

***Grace, paid for my sins and brought me to life.
Grace, clothes me with pow’r to do what is right.
Grace, will lead me to heav’n where I’ll see Your face,
And never cease to thank you for Your grace.***

*Grace abounding, strong and true, that makes me long to be like You,
That turns me from my selfish pride, to love the cross on which You died.
Grace unending, all my days, You’ll give me strength to run this race.
And when my years on earth are through, the praise will all belong to You.*

(chorus)

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

The Sacrament of Baptism

Miss Adalee Tidwell

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“O The Deep, Deep Love Of

Jesus”

*(As a reminder, the congregation will join the praise team on the second verse.)
O the deep, deep love of Jesus. Spread His praise from shore to shore!*

*How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o’er His loved ones, died to call them all His own.
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne!*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of ev’ry love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me.
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 20 ESV

¹May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! ²May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! ³May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Selah
⁴May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! ⁵May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions! ⁶Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. ⁷Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. ⁸They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright. ⁹O Lord, save the king! May he answer us when we call.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Prayerful Confidence”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Amazing Grace”

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.*

*The Lord has promised good to me his word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

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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