



First Presbyterian
— R O M E —

The Lord's Day
March 29, 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

"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

Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Jennifer Talley

Welcome

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.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

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.
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

“Come Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with pow'r:

He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;

True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh,

Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;

If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:

Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;

All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him;

This He gives you, this He gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.

Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

The Sacrament of Baptism

Aden Geoffrey Schutter

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Same God”

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

*I'm calling on the God of Mary, Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible, I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous, I may not face Goliath
But I've got my own giant*

***O God my God I need You, O God my God I need You now
How I need You now, O Rock O Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness***

*You heard Your children then, You hear Your children now, You are the same God
You answered prayers back then, And You will answer now, You are the same God
You were providing then, You are providing now, You are the same God
You moved in power then, God move in power now, You are the same God
You were a healer then, You are a healer now, You are the same God
You were a Savior then, You are a Savior now, You are the same God*

(chorus)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:14-17 ESV

¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant, ¹⁶ and they said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, **“Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?”** ¹⁷ And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“From Preference to Praise”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Benediction (May the Peace)”

*May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit
keep our hearts and minds within His love.*

***And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.***

***We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal, the King of kings!***

*May this peace which passes understanding,
and this grace which makes us what we are,
and this fellowship of His communion
make us one in spirit and in heart.*

(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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