



First Presbyterian
— R O M E —

The Lord's Day
April 5, 2026
9:00 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

Prelude

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Again”

arr. Stephen Walters

Mrs. Pamela Radford, organ

Mr. Dustin Burgess, trumpet

Ms. Judy Powell, trumpet

Mr. Andrew Neal, trombone

Mr. Larry St. Clair, trombone

Mr. John Goodrich, timpani

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to God for ever and ever.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

All: his love endures forever.

Leader: In our anguish we cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting us free. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

All: his love endures forever.

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

All: his love endures forever.

Leader: We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;

All: his love endures forever.

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

All: The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of Response

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone the way of the world and failed to give him glory. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Praise No. 338

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”

Philip Stopford

Chancel Choir

Christ the Lord is ris'n again, Christ hath broken ev'ry chain.

Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

*He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say, Alleluia!*

*He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry, Alleluia!*

*He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of Kings, Alleluia!*

*Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ thy ransomed people feed;
take our sins and guilts away; let us sing by night and day, Alleluia!*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 20:24-29 ESV

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin,^[a] was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“From Doubt to Doxology”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Hymn of Response No. 365

“Thine Be the Glory”
MACCABAEUS

Dismissal with Blessing

Leader: Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all you do.

All: We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Leader: May the God of peace, who raised to life the great Shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

All: Amen. Alleluia!

Hallelujah Chorus

Hallelujah from the Messiah
George Frederick Handel

*Hallelujah! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,
and He shall reign forever and ever,
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!*

Postlude

“Toccatina from Symphony No. 5”
Charles-Marie Widor

The Easter Lilies

are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brewster Sr., by the Brewster family

Barbara Holt Brewster, by the Brewster family

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Virginia Steinhauer, with love, Laurie

Virginia Steinhauer, with love, Sandy

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Ben and Ruth Forrester, by their grandchildren



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.

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