



First Presbyterian
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The Lord's Day
April 26, 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 CONFESSIO OF FAITH CHAPTER 21, 1-2*

God's People Gather for Worship

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Announcements

Mrs. Nell Milner

Welcome

Prayer of Preparation

Lord God Almighty, this is the day that you have made. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad! Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people: to come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to be assured of forgiveness in Christ, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises, to hear your Word proclaimed and to receive it in our hearts. Therefore, open our eyes to see you, Lord. Open our ears to hear you. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we might worship you in Spirit and in Truth. To the glory of your name. Amen.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“I Shall Dwell in the House of the Lord (Psalm 23)”

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.*

*He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil.*

*For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

Oh, Oh, I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Oh, Oh, I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reflection

“There is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

*There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel’s veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see, that fountain in his day;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.*

*Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood, shall never lose its pow’r;
Till all the ransomed church of God, be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God, be saved, to sin no more.*

*When this poor lisping, stammering tongue, lies silent in the grave;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save:
I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save, I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save.*

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Ancient Of Days”

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

*Though the dread of night, overwhelms my soul.
He is here with me, I am not alone.
O his love is sure, and he knows my name:
For my God, he is the Ancient of Days.*

None above him, none before him, all of time in his hands.

For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.

All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name:

For my God, he is the Ancient of days.

Though I may not see, what the future brings.

I will watch and wait, for the Saviour king.

Then my joy complete, standing face to face:

In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

(chorus)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23 ESV
Mrs. Erin Osben

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“The Shepherd’s Presence”
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Grace So Glorious”

*Beneath the cross of Jesus Christ, no shadow remains for shame to hide.
Redemption shone for all to see. Perfection bore our penalty with a grace so glorious...*

*Immortal day, the veil was torn when mercy donned a crown of thorns.
As law gave way to liberty and freedom for humanity with a grace so glorious...*

Oh, the glory of the Savior's love, surrounding our surrender.

To know forever we are welcomed home.

Crowned in glory to glory, Worthy is the Lord of all, the glory forever. Holy is the Lord.

*Triumphant praises without end, all hailing the King of righteousness.
And every eye beholds the One our hearts were undeserving of, with a grace so glorious.*

(chorus)

O wondrous day when I will see the face of Him who ransomed me.

I'll fall in worship at His feet, and rise to reign eternally

In a grace so glorious, in a grace so glorious.

Crowned in glory to glory, Worthy is the Lord of all, the glory forever. Holy is the Lord.

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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