



First Presbyterian
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The Lord's Day
May 10, 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

"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

Announcements

Mr. Caleb Sanders and Mrs. Mabrey Couch
Assistant Directors of Student Ministry

Welcome

Corporate Call to Worship

from Revelation 3

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“He Will Be”

*God is faithful to His word, even when there seems no way.
Though time may pass, His memory will not fade, His promises will never fail.*

***Faithful He has been, faithful He will be.
Time and time again, His Word returns complete.
To His truth I cling when the night is deep.
Faithful He has been, faithful He will be.***

*God is gracious when I doubt. He draws near though I retreat.
Though I may wander through the wilderness,
He goes with me and gives me peace.*

***Gracious He has been, gracious He will be.
What I don't deserve, the Father gives to me.
Where He leads my feet, I shall not want or need.
Gracious He has been, gracious He will be.***

*God is worthy of my song. Countless are His awesome deeds.
His mighty hand has parted raging seas. For those He loves, He has redeemed.*

***Worthy He has been, worthy He will be
Crowned in endless praise, all earth and heaven sing,
Holy is the Lord, who reigns in majesty.
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.***

*He is my provider, covenant protector. All my hope is in the Lord, my God.
He is my sustainer, merciful redeemer. All my hope is in the Lord my God.*

***Worthy He has been, worthy He will be
Crowned in endless praise, all earth and heaven sing,
Holy is the Lord, who reigns in majesty.
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.***

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

“Jesus I Come to Thee”

*Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.*

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Offering Thanks for Our High School Seniors

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Only a Holy God”

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

What other glory consumes like fire, what other power can raise the dead.

What other name remains undefeated, only a Holy God.

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.

Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God,

Come and worship the Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing, who else would offer His only Son.

Who else invites me to call Him Father, only a Holy God, only my Holy God.

(chorus)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 28 ESV

Ms. Sydney Thompson

¹To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. ²Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary. ³Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts. ⁴Give to them according to their work and according to the evil of their deeds; give to them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward. ⁵Because they do not regard the works of the Lord or the work of his hands, he will tear them down and build them up no more. ⁶Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. ⁷The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. ⁸The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. ⁹Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Praying to and Praising the Rock of Ages”

Rev. Ken Chivers

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Rock of Ages”

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.*

*Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.*

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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