



First Presbyterian

ROME

The Lord's Day
May 24, 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

"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,"

- *Hebrews 12:28*

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

“O Worship the King”
arr. Matt Schinske

Announcements

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

Leader: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord.

All: The Lord's name is to be praised!

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me.

All: Let us exalt his name together.

Leader: We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Hymn of Praise No. 291

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
AZMON

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Affirmation of Faith

based on the Apostles' Creed

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Lord?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-2

Leader: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5, 11

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"--and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Hymn of Reflection No. 436

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

LANDAS

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

United in Our Global Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Come, Holy Spirit, Creator Blest”

arr. Michael Bedford

Chancel Choir

*Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up your rest;
Come with your grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which you have made.*

*O, Comforter, to you we cry, heavenly gift of God Most High;
O Fount of Life, and Fire of Love and sweet anointing from above.*

*O Holy Spirit, through you alone know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed, that you do from them both proceed.*

*Praise we our God, the Father and Son, and Holy Spirit, with them one,
And may the Son on them bestow all gifts that from the Spirit flow. Amen.*

INTERCEDING FOR GOD'S WORLD

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 33 NIV '84

¹Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. ²Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. ³Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. ⁴For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. ⁵The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. ⁶By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. ⁷He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. ⁸Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him. ⁹For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. ¹⁰The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. ¹¹But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. ¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. ¹³From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;

¹⁴ from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth- ¹⁵ he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do. ¹⁶ No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. ¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. ¹⁸ But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, ¹⁹ to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. ²⁰ We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. ²¹ In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. ²² May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Worship and Trust Our Great God”

Dr. Jonathan Schwartz

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Hymn of Response No. 245

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

C.V. Stanford

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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