



First Presbyterian
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The Lord's Day
May 24, 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

"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

Announcements

Welcome

Corporate Prayer of Preparation

O Lord, our God, you are worthy of all our praise. You are the God who never fails to keep his promises. We thank you that in Jesus' life, death and resurrection we see your love, justice, mercy, provision and victory. You are the God who lifts up those who are weighed down. You are the God who provides for your children. Our desire is to praise you as long as we live. Inhabit our praises as we gather together today. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

*The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from a raging sea;
and I am safe on this solid ground, the Lord is my salvation.*

*I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls;
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, the Lord is my salvation.*

***Who is like the Lord our God, strong to save, faithful in love?
My debt is paid, and the victory won; the Lord is my salvation.***

*My hope is hidden in the Lord, He fulfills each promise of His word;
when winter fades, I know spring will come, the Lord is my salvation.*

*In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace will renew these days; the Lord is my salvation.*

(chorus)

*And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave;
but I will rise, He will call me home. The Lord is my salvation.*

(chorus)

*Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation.*

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

“None But Jesus”

*In the quiet. In the stillness. I know that You are God .
In the secret, of Your presence. I know there I am restored.
When You call I won't refuse, each new day again I'll choose.*

***There is no one else for me. None but Jesus.
Crucified to set me free, now I live to bring Him praise.***

*In the chaos. In confusion, I know You're sovereign still.
In the moment, of my weakness You give me grace to do Your will.
So when You call I won't delay. This my song through all my days.*

(chorus)

*All my delight is in You Lord. All of my hope. All of my strength.
All my delight is in You Lord. Forever more.*

(chorus)

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

United in Our Global Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Jesus I My Cross Have Taken”

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

*Man may trouble and distress me, twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me, heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me, while thy love is left to me.
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with thee.*

*Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days.
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.*

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

Song of Response

“Give Me Faith”

*I need You to soften my heart, to break me apart;
I need You to open my eyes, to see that You're shaping my life.*

All I am, I surrender.

Give me faith to trust what You say.

That You're good, and Your love is great.

I'm broken inside, I give You my life.

*I need You to soften my heart, to break me apart;
I need You to pierce through the dark, and cleanse every part of me.*

(chorus)

*I may be weak, Your Spirit's strong in me;
My flesh may fail, My God, You never will.*

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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