



# First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day

June 7, 2026

9:00 AM Worship Service

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# Vision for Worship

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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**

"It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear."

- *Deuteronomy 6:13*

## **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*

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# God's People Gather for Worship

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## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

“Now Thank We All Our God/Let All Things Now Living”

*arr. Brant Adams*

Mrs. Amy Neal, piano

Mr. Andrew Neal, trombone

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

## DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-4

*Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.*

**All: Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.**

*Leader: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

**All: The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.**

Psalm of Praise No. 100B

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

OLD HUNDRETH

## AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

*Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

**All: My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, 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. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Reflection No. 277

“Before the Throne of God Above”

BEFORE THE THRONE

## OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

United in Our Global Mission

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

*arr. Todd Marchand*

Mrs. Pam Radford, organ

Mr. Andrew Neal, trombone

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Reading

### Psalm 35 ESV

<sup>1</sup>Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! <sup>2</sup>Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help! <sup>3</sup>Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!" <sup>4</sup>Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life! Let them be turned back and disappointed who devise evil against me! <sup>5</sup>Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the Lord driving them away! <sup>6</sup>Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the Lord pursuing them! <sup>7</sup>For without cause they hid their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life. <sup>8</sup>Let destruction come upon him when he does not know it! And let the net that he hid ensnare him; let him fall into it—to his destruction! <sup>9</sup>Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord, exulting in his salvation. <sup>10</sup>All my bones shall say, "O Lord, who is like you, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, the poor and needy from him who robs him?" <sup>11</sup>Malicious witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I do not know. <sup>12</sup>They repay me evil for good; my soul is bereft. <sup>13</sup>But I, when they were sick— I wore sackcloth; I afflicted myself with fasting; I prayed with head bowed on my chest. <sup>14</sup>I went about as though I grieved for my friend or my brother; as one who laments his mother, I bowed down in mourning. <sup>15</sup>But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered; they gathered together against me; wretches whom I did not know tore at me without ceasing; <sup>16</sup>like profane mockers at a feast, they gnash at me with their teeth. <sup>17</sup>How long, O Lord, will you look on? Rescue me from their destruction, my precious life from the lions! <sup>18</sup>I will thank you in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise you. <sup>19</sup>Let not those rejoice over me who are wrongfully my foes, and let not those wink the eye who hate me without cause. <sup>20</sup>For they do not speak peace, but against those who are quiet in the land they devise words of deceit. <sup>21</sup>They open wide their mouths against me; they say, "Aha, Aha! Our eyes have seen it!" <sup>22</sup>You have seen, O Lord; be not silent! O Lord, be not far from me! <sup>23</sup>Awake and rouse yourself for my vindication, for my cause, my God and my Lord! <sup>24</sup>Vindicate me, O Lord, my God according to your righteousness, and let them not rejoice over me! <sup>25</sup>Let them not say in their hearts, "Aha, our heart's desire!" Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up." <sup>26</sup>Let them be put to shame and disappointed altogether who rejoice at my calamity! Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves against me! <sup>27</sup>Let those who delight in my righteousness shout for joy and be glad and say evermore, "Great is the Lord, who delights in the welfare of his servant!" <sup>28</sup>Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Unjust Suffering, Certain Salvation”  
Mr. Rob Edens

## **SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH**

Hymn of Response No. 543

“Fight the Good Fight”  
MOZART

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
*arr. Jason Payne*

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# Thank You for Worshiping with Us Today

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## 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](http://www.fpcrome.org/serve).

**ShelbyNext:** Visit our church website for access to our giving platform, membership directory, calendar, and more at [www.fpcrome.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:robd@fpcrome.org).

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