



First Presbyterian
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The Lord's Day
June 7, 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

"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*

God's People Gather for Worship

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

Our Father, you are in heaven, high and lifted up, higher than our highest thoughts. Holy is your name; beside you there is no other! You are God, and you alone! Receive us into your kingdom—the coming kingdom—the kingdom of your anointed Son, Jesus, whose name we bear. Receive us, for we come to worship in his name—we pray in him and with him. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*Hail Him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*With every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!*

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r:*

*Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh,*

*Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him;*

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:*

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

United in Our Global Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Sovereign Over Us”

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

*You are wisdom unimagined, who could understand Your ways,
Reigning high above the heavens, reaching down in endless grace.*

*You're the lifter of the lowly, compassionate and kind,
You surround, and You uphold me; and Your promises are my delight.*

***Your plans are still to prosper, You've not forgotten us;
You're with us in the fire and the flood.
Faithful forever, perfect in love; You are sov'reign over us.***

*Even what the enemy means for evil, You turn it for our good,
You turn it for our good and for Your glory.
Even in the valley, You are faithful; You're working for our good.
You're working for our good and for Your glory.*

(chorus)

Faithful forever, perfect in love; You are sov'reign over us.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 35 ESV

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

Song of Response

“Let My Soul Sing”

*The stone that was rejected has become the cornerstone;
Now my light and my salvation will be found in You alone.
Word made flesh You dwelt among us, we were blind and knew You not;
Still You called us and in kindness reconciled us back to God.*

***Let my soul sing, “You are holy!” Let my life bring endless praise.
To the only One who’s worthy. All the glory to Your name.***

*Your kingdom is advancing like a flood on desert land,
For Your power knows no measure and against it none can stand.*

(chorus)

*With Your final breath You purchased what we never could afford.
Death is conquered, hell defeated; glory to the Risen Lord.*

(chorus)

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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