



First Presbyterian  
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The Lord's Day  
June 14, 2026  
11 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**

"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*

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# God's People Gather for Worship

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## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“King of Kings”

*In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light,  
Till from heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word,  
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.*

***Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one.  
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings.***

*To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation you did not despise the cross,  
For even in Your suffering you saw to the other side,  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake, You died.*

**(chorus)**

*And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath,  
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death,  
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.*

*And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame,  
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not fade,  
By His blood and in His name and in His freedom I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.*

**(chorus)**

## CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

“All Glory Be to Christ”

*Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?  
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!*

***All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!***

*His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above,  
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love.  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet; all glory be to Christ!*

**(chorus)**

*When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true,  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.  
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light.  
And we shall e're his people be; all glory be to Christ!*

**(chorus)**

## OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“King of My Heart”

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

*Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,  
The anchor in the waves; oh, He is my song.  
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,  
The echo of my days; oh, He is my song.*

***You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.  
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.***

*You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.*

**(chorus)**

*When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Reading

### Psalm 37 ESV

Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! <sup>2</sup>For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. <sup>3</sup>Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. <sup>4</sup>Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. <sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. <sup>6</sup>He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. <sup>7</sup>Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! <sup>8</sup>Refrain from anger and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. <sup>9</sup>For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. <sup>10</sup>In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. <sup>11</sup>But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace. <sup>12</sup>The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him, <sup>13</sup>but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming. <sup>14</sup>The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose way is upright; <sup>15</sup>their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. <sup>16</sup>Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked. <sup>17</sup>For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous. <sup>18</sup>The Lord knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will remain forever; <sup>19</sup>they are not put to shame in evil times; in the days of famine they have abundance. <sup>20</sup>But the wicked will perish; the enemies of the Lord are like the glory of the pastures; they vanish—like smoke they vanish away. <sup>21</sup>The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives; <sup>22</sup>for those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off. <sup>23</sup>The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; <sup>24</sup>though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand. <sup>25</sup>I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. <sup>26</sup>He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing. <sup>27</sup>Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever. <sup>28</sup>For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off. <sup>29</sup>The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever. <sup>30</sup>The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice. <sup>31</sup>The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip. <sup>32</sup>The wicked watches for the righteous and seeks to put him to death. <sup>33</sup>The Lord will not abandon him to his power or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial. <sup>34</sup>Wait for the Lord and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land; you will look on when the wicked are cut off. <sup>35</sup>I have seen a wicked, ruthless man, spreading himself like a green laurel tree. <sup>36</sup>But he passed away, and behold, he was no more; though I sought him, he could not be found. <sup>37</sup>Mark the blameless and behold the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace. <sup>38</sup>But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed; the future of the wicked shall be cut off. <sup>39</sup>The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble. <sup>40</sup>The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Rev. Ken Chivers

## **CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT**

Song of Preparation

“The Wonderful Cross”

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died;  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

***O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross.  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross.  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.***

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Partaking of the Elements

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

Song of Response

“The Wonderful Cross”

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine; demands my soul, my life, my all.*

***O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross.  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross.  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.***

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live,  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.*

Commissioning and Benediction

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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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