



First Presbyterian
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The Lord's Day
June 28, 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

VBS Theme Song

“Emerald Crossing”

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Children and adults alike have spent this week learning that the Lord is our Shepherd.

All: He provides for us, cares for us, and never leaves us.

Leader: He leads us in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

All: He is with us in every joy and every trial.

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep.

All: We come with gladness to worship our Shepherd and King!

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

(Note: children sing first verse, congregation please join in singing the remaining verses)

Savior like a shepherd lead us. How we need your tender care.

In your pleasant pastures feed us, for your purposes prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are.

We are yours and you befriend us. Be the guardian of our way.

Keep us far from sin defend us. Seek us when we run away.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we are.

You give mercy to relieve us, cleansing grace and freeing power.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are.

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CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

“Gospel Doxology”

*Your perfect law exposes me, I feel my sin and desperate need;
My best good works are powerless, to satisfy Your righteousness.*

*But there is One who lived for me, His life, my only victory;
His death forever sealed in time, that I am His and He is mine.*

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Amen

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

The Sacrament of Baptism

Miss Elizabeth Joy Fitzsimmons

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Here For You”

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

Let our shout, be your anthem. Your renown, fill the skies.

We are here for you, we are here for you.

Let your word, move in power. Let what's dead, come to life.

We are here for you, we are here for you.

To you our hearts are open, nothing here is hidden, You are our one desire.

You alone are holy, only You are worthy, God let Your fire fall down.

Let it fall....

We welcome you with praise, we welcome you with praise;

Almighty God of love, be welcomed in this place.

Let every heart adore, let every soul awake;

Almighty God of love, be welcomed in this place.

We welcome you with praise, we welcome you with praise;

Almighty God of love, be welcomed in this place.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 42 NIV '84

¹As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. ²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? ³My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" ⁴These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng. ⁵Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and ⁶my God. My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar. ⁷Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me. ⁸By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me— a prayer to the God of my life. ⁹I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?" ¹⁰My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?" ¹¹Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"I Will Yet Praise Him"
Dr. Jonathan Schwartz

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Psalm 23: Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy”

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. In green pastures He makes me lie down.

He restores my soul and leads me on for His name, for His great name.

Surely goodness, surely mercy right beside me all my days.

And I will dwell in Your house forever, and bless Your holy name.

You prepare a table right before me in the presence of my enemies.

Though the arrow flies and the terror of night is at my door, I'll trust You Lord

(chorus)

And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil.

And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death You are on my side, oh.

(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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