



# First Presbyterian

ROME

The Lord's Day  
July 5, 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**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."

- *1 Peter 1:3*

## **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

Corporate Prayer of Preparation

**Gracious Father, as we gather as one church family, prepare us to worship You in spirit and in truth. Quiet every distraction, humble every proud thought, and turn our hearts away from ourselves and toward Your greatness, holiness, and grace. Give us ears to hear Your Word, minds ready to receive Your truth, and hearts willing to obey Your call. As we begin this new series, remind us that we have been reconciled to You through Christ and entrusted with the message of reconciliation. Awaken in us a holy fear of the Lord, control us by the love of Christ, and give us courage to speak the gospel with clarity, compassion, and urgency. By Your Spirit, prepare us not merely to attend worship, but to offer ourselves to You in worship. Unite us in praise, renew us through the gospel, and send us out as faithful ambassadors of Jesus Christ in our homes, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and city, for the glory of Your name. Amen.**

## DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Song of Praise

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing*

*Oh praise Him, alleluia, thou burning sun with golden beams.*

*Thou silver moon with softer gleam,*

*Oh praise him, oh praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,*

*Oh praise Him, Alleluia, thou rising morn, in praise rejoice.*

*Ye lights of evening, find a voice,*

*Oh praise Him, oh praise Him, oh Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,*

*Oh praise Him, Alleluia, praise, praise the Father, praise the Son.*

*And praise the Spirit, three in One,*

*Oh praise Him, oh praise Him, oh Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

## CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

### Responsive Prayer of Confession

*Leader: You have called us to live before Your face with sincerity, integrity, and reverence.*

**All: Forgive us for caring more about outward appearance than inward faithfulness.**

*Leader: You have entrusted to us the good news of Jesus Christ and called us to persuade others with humility and love.*

**All: Forgive us for our silence, our indifference, and our lack of urgency for those who do not know You.**

*Leader: We confess that we have often protected our comfort, our reputation, and our pride rather than speaking faithfully of Christ.*

**All: Forgive us for living for ourselves instead of for Your glory and the good of our neighbors.**

*Leader: Merciful Father, cleanse us through the blood of Jesus Christ. Renew in us a holy fear of the Lord, sincere hearts before You, and compassionate courage toward others.*

**All: By Your Spirit, make us faithful witnesses who speak the gospel with reverent urgency, humble love, and confidence in Christ alone. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

### Song of Response

“O Great God”

*O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.*

*Own it all and reign supreme, conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r.*

*Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.*

*You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forever more.*

*I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,*

*Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.*

*Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,*

*Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.*

*Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace,*

*Keep my heart and guard my soul, from the evils that I face.*

*You are worthy to be praised, with my every thought and deed,*

*O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.*

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

The Sacrament of Baptism

Miss Eowyn Florence Johnston

## OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“How Firm A Foundation”

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

*In every condition, in sickness, in health,  
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;  
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,  
As thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be.*

*“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”*

*“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”*

*“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:11-13 ESV

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Reverent Urgency”  
Dr. Bill Pardue

## SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

“Jesus Paid It All”

*I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.”*

***Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.***

*Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.*

**(chorus)**

*And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save” my lips shall still repeat.*

**(chorus)**

*O praise the one who paid my debt and raised this life up from the dead.*

Commissioning and Benediction

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# Announcements

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## **Next Sunday's Worship Services ~ July 12th**

We will have one worship services at 11am in the Sanctuary. Our Sunday School Hour is from 10:05am to 10:50am.

## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Tripp (Jessie) Johnston to the 11:00 AM service as they present their daughter, Eowyn Florence, to be marked with this sign of the covenant.

## **Fellowship Breakfast – Sunday, July 12th, 19th, and 26th**

Since we will be combined for worship at 11am in July, the Congregational Life team would like to invite you to a light breakfast in the atrium outside of King Hall before Sunday school (9:30-10am). Come enjoy some food and time with your church family. There will be gluten-free options and there will be food for children. If you have any questions, then please contact Pastor Ken (kenc@fpcrome.org).

## **Ambassadors for Christ: Persuading and Pleading with the Message of Reconciliation” ~ 2026-2027 Church Theme**

based on 2 Corinthians 5:20 - “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” This year’s theme calls us to persuasively and urgently proclaim the message of reconciliation. In 2 Corinthians 5, Paul teaches that gospel witness is shaped by the fear of the Lord, controlled by the love of Christ, entrusted with the message of reconciliation, and carried out as ambassadors through whom God makes His appeal. Therefore, we do not merely hope people notice our faith; we lovingly, clearly, persuasively, and urgently implore others: be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

- July 5th - King Hall
- July 12th - Sanctuary
- July 19th - King Hall, the Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated
- July 26th - Sanctuary

## **Special Summer Wednesday Night Service ~ Wednesday, July 8th at 6pm in King Hall**

### *“Under God's Providence: A Service of Thanksgiving, Reflection, and Prayer on the 250th Anniversary of the United States”*

Please join us as we commemorate this significant milestone in our nation’s history. We will gather to give thanks for God’s many blessings, reflect on His faithful providence throughout the generations, and pray for our country, its leaders, and its future. All are welcome to this special time of worship and prayer with dessert to follow. Nursery will be available for children 8 weeks through 5 years, no reservations are needed for dessert or nursery.

## **Summer Choir**

Have you ever thought about singing in the choir but weren’t sure how to get started? This summer is the perfect time to jump in! We’re inviting anyone who loves to sing (or has always wanted to try) to join us for Summer Choir on two upcoming Sundays:

- **July 12th – Abide With Me**
- **July 26th – In Christ Alone**

We’ll warm up at 10:30 a.m. in the choir room and sing during the 11:00 a.m. service. No robes, no pressure, no weekly commitment, just a chance to make music and worship together! The anthems are easy, joyful, and fun. No experience is necessary, and you don’t have to read music. You can even just show up that morning and sing with us. We’d love to have your voice with us!

## **July Community Ministry Spotlight: Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

## **Operating Budget Update Through May**

<u>Tithes &amp; Gifts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Over/(Short)</u>
\$1,304,790.65	\$1,185,420.41	\$119,370.24

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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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# Pray for Our Church Leaders

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