



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day

November 13, 2022

11:00 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

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

- *Psalm 145:3*

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*

God's People Gather for Worship

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Gathering Song

"Come Heavy Laden"

Welcome and Announcements

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Corporate Prayer of Preparation

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

Song of Praise

"Grace So Glorious"

*Beneath the cross of Jesus Christ, no shadow remains for shame to hide
Redemption shone for all to see, perfection bore our penalty
With a grace so glorious...*

*Immortal day the veil was torn when mercy donned a crown of thorns
As law gave way to liberty and freedom for humanity
With a grace so glorious.*

*Oh the glory of the Savior's love surrounding our surrender
To know forever we are welcomed home*

*Crowned in glory to glory, worthy is the Lord of all
The glory forever, holy is the Lord*

*Triumphant praises without end, All hailing the King of righteousness
And every eye beholds the One our hearts were undeserving of
With a grace so glorious*

*O wondrous day when I will see the face of Him who ransomed me
I'll fall in worship at His feet and rise to reign eternally
In a grace so glorious, in a grace so glorious*

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Corporate Prayer of Confession

based on Psalm 102

“Almighty God, you who are rich in mercy to all who call upon you; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your commandments by our deeds and words, and by the sinful desires of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, our failures and shortcomings. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father; and out of your great goodness grant that we may serve and please you in the newness of life in the Spirit; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

"There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood"

*There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Emmanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see, That fountain in his day
And there have I, though vile as he, Washed all my sins away
Washed all my sins away, Washed all my sins away
And there have I, though vile as he, Washed all my sins away*

*Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood, Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed church of God, Be saved, to sin no more
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more
Till all the ransomed church of God, Be saved, to sin no more*

*E'er since by faith I saw the stream, Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die*

*When this poor lisping, stammering tongue, Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save*

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Mountain"

INTERCEDING FOR GOD'S WORLD

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7 ESV

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Delivered to Faith Solutions"
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

*What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace*

***To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine, Yet not I, but through Christ in me***

*The night is dark but I am not forsaken, For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need, His power is displayed*

(chorus)

*No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And He was raised to overthrow the grave*

(chorus)

*With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me, Until I stand with joy before the throne*

(chorus)

*When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

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 Tracy Dupree at tracyd@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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