



# First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day

November 20, 2022

11:00 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

Gathering Song

"Here's My Heart"

Welcome and Announcements

## DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Responsive Call to Worship

From Psalm 92 and 95

*Leader - I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;*

**All - with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

*Leader - I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.*

**All - It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,**

*Leader - to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.*

**All - Come, bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our Maker.**

Song of Praise

"I Will Glory In My Redeemer"

*I will glory in my Redeemer Whose priceless blood has ransomed me  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree  
I will glory in my Redeemer Who crushed the power of sin and death  
My only Savior before the holy Judge, the Lamb Who is my righteousness  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness*

*I will glory in My Redeemer, my life he bought, my love He owns  
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone  
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.*

*I will glory in my Redeemer Who carries me on eagle's wings  
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing  
I will glory in my Redeemer Who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold  
His face forever to behold.*

## 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 be- low  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

*Amen*

## **CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Ethan and Addison Walker

## **OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS**

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 18:10-27 ESV

Jethro said, "Blessed be the LORD who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people." And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God. The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?" And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God; when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws." Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace."

So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves. Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went away to his own country.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Delivered to Godly Counsel and Humility"

Dr. Bill Pardue

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

Song of Response

"He Is Lord"

*Oh blessed Lamb once slain Will reign forevermore  
His hands once bound now save Our God will never fail*

***He is Lord He is Lord Sings my soul He is the Lord  
And He lives Yes He lives I'm alive 'cause Jesus lives***

*'Tis at the cross of Christ Where earth and heaven meet  
Where sin is overcome To God the victory*

***(chorus)***

*And now, let the earth resound with praise For our Saviour God He reigns  
He is high and lifted up Arise, for the king of glory waits  
He is coming back again, He is coming back again*

***(chorus)***

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 Tracy Dupree at [tracyd@fpcrome.org](mailto: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](mailto:robd@fpcrome.org).

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# Pray for Our Church Leaders

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