



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day

January 8, 2023

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

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

God's People Gather for Worship

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Gathering Song

"I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say"

Welcome and Announcements

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Corporate Prayer of Preparation

Faithful Father, silence all voices within our minds but your own. May our praises and prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in Christ, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. By your Spirit, help us to seek and be able to follow your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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 it's 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

"Come Ye Sinners"

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity love and pow'r:*

*Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh,*

*Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him;*

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:*

*I will arise and go to Jesus He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior Oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Grace Unmeasured"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Exodus 19:1-9 ESV

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD. And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Delivered to Gospel Holiness"
Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

"I Am Not Alone"

*When I walk through deep waters, I know that You will be with me
When Im standing in the fire, I will not be overcome
Through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear.*

***I am not alone, I am not alone
You will go before me, You will never leave me.***

*In the midst of deep sorrow, I see Your light is breaking through
The dark of night will not overtake me, I am pressing into You
Lord, You fight my every battle, And I will not fear.*

(chorus)

You amaze me, Redeem me, You call me as Your own

*Youre my strength, Youre my defender,
Youre my refuge in the storm, Through these trials
Youve always been faithful, You bring healing to my soul.*

(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 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.

Pray for Our Church Leaders

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