



First Presbyterian

ROME

The Lord's Day

July 10, 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

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

- *John 4:23-24*

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

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Song

"Laden With Guilt"

Welcome and Announcements

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Responsive Call to Worship

based on 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

"In Christ Alone"

*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace when fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone - who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand*

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Response

"Before the Throne of God Above"

*Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands, o tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.*

*Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.*

INTERCEDING FOR GOD'S WORLD

Moment for Missions

Margaret-Elliotte Rebello

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Jesus I Come to Thee"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 8:31-32 ESV

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Hymn of Response

"Be Thou My Vision"

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

*Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight,
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower.
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

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.