



First Presbyterian
— R O M E —

The Lord's Day
August 28, 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

"See the Conqueror"

Welcome and Announcements

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:5-8

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

Song of Praise

"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

*Praise to the Lord, The Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration*

*Praise to the Lord Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how Thy de-sires have been
Granted in what He ordaineth*

*Praise to the Lord Who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee
Surely His goodness and Mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Al-mighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee*

*Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a-dore Him
All that hath life and breath come now with praises be-fore Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly for forever adore Him*

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey, you bless us, but we do not thank you.

All: Please forgive and help us.

Leader: Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

All: Please forgive and help us.

Leader: Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

All: Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!*

(chorus)

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!*

*His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!*

(chorus)

*When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ!*

(chorus)

OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Echo Holy"

INTERCEDING FOR GOD'S WORLD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Exodus 4:1-17 ESV

Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.'" The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. But the Lord said to Moses, "Put out your hand and catch it by the tail"—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand— "that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." Again, the

Lord said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. Then God said, "Put your hand back inside your cloak." So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. "If they will not believe you," God said, "or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."

But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak." But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else." Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, "Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him. And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs."

Sermon

"Delivered to God's Sovereignty and Sufficiency"

Dr. Bill Pardue

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

"All Things New"

*Come Lord, and tarry not; Bring the long-looked-for day;
O why these years of waiting here, These ages of delay?
Come, for Thy saints still wait; Daily ascends their sigh:
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come": Dost Thou not hear the cry?*

(chorus)

*O come and make all things new; come and make all things new
O come and make all things new- Build up this ruined earth;
Come and make all things new- all things new.*

*Come, for creation groans, Impatient of Thy stay,
Worn out with these long years of ill, These ages of delay.
Come, for love waxes cold, Its steps are faint and slow;
Faith now is lost in unbelief, Hope's lamp burns dim and low.*

(chorus)

Commissioning and Benediction

Scriptures for further study:

Exodus 3:10

Ephesians 6:10

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Corinthians 9:8



John Martin, The Seventh Plague of Egypt, 1823

"DELIVERED TO GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND SUFFICIENCY" EXODUS 4:1-17 ESV

BIG IDEA

The Father uses the cross and resurrection of His Son to strengthen us by His Spirit to follow His calling and shatter the excuses we bring forth against His sovereignty and sufficiency.

OUTLINE

1. Calling
2. Excuses
3. Signs & Wonders
4. Sovereignty & Sufficiency

“It is to Moses that the task of rescuing the people is allotted. He is now divinely commissioned to be the instrument through whom God will work. It is part of the divine scheme of salvation for mankind that it is worked out through mankind. Though deliverance is only possible by supernatural intervention and power, yet God raises up individuals through whom he will work.”

- John Mackay

“The sovereignty of God is his absolute, independent right of disposing of all creatures according to his own pleasure.”

- Jonathan Edwards

SERMON NOTES

“Next to faith this is the highest art - to be content with the calling in which God has placed you.”

- Martin Luther

“Labeling something as impossible is frequently my way of excusing myself from doing something simply because it’s more difficult than I would like it to be.”

- Craig Lounsbrough

“The sovereignty of God is the fact that he is the Lord over creation; as sovereign, he exercises his rule. This rule is exercised through God’s authority as king, his control over all things, and his presence with his covenantal people and throughout his creation.”

- John Frame

“There are no maverick molecules in a universe where God is sovereign. Ultimately, everything bends the knee to His will and work.”

- R.C. Sproul

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.