



First Presbyterian
— R O M E —

The Lord's Day
September 4, 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

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe...

- *Hebrews 12:28*

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

"Graves Into Gardens"

Welcome and Announcements

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Affirmation of Faith

Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John 20:28;
1 Corinthians 15:1-6; Revelation 22:13

We believe in the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

Hymn of Praise

"And Can It Be?"

*And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?*

(chorus)

*Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!*

*He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God it found out me!*

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.*

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

CONFESSING OUR SINS AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Reflection

"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 lispng, 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

"New Wine"

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 4:18-31 ESV

Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Please let me go back to my brothers in Egypt to see whether they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace." And the Lord said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all the men who were seeking your life are dead." So Moses took his wife and his sons and had them ride on a donkey, and went back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand. And the Lord said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me." If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.'" At a lodging place on the way the Lord met him and sought to put him to death. Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it and said, "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me!" So he let him alone. It was then that she said, "A bridegroom of blood," because of the circumcision.

The Lord said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So he went and met him at the mountain of God and kissed him. And Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord with which he had sent him to speak, and all the signs that he had commanded him to do. Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the people of Israel. Aaron spoke all the words that the Lord had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people. And the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Obedience Driven By a Promise"

Rev. Jimmy Latham

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Hymn of Response

"Amazing Grace"

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun;
We've no less days to sing God's praise, then when we'd first begun*

Commissioning and Benediction



John Martin, The Seventh Plague of Egypt, 1823

"OBEDIENCE DRIVEN BY A PROMISE"

EXODUS 4:18-31 ESV

BIG IDEA

Because the Christian life is full of questions, fears and doubts, we must daily listen to and rehearse the promises of God to ourselves and recommit our lives to His call.

OUTLINE

1. Promised Security
2. Promised Judgement
3. Promised Freedom

Where we have been:

(John D. Curid, A Biblical-Theological Introduction to the Old Testament: The Gospel Promised)

Exodus 2:1-2. Moses is born a slave in Egypt; he is born under oppression and persecution; and Pharaoh attempts to murder him.

Exodus 2:3-10. Moses undergoes a water ordeal and is delivered.

Exodus 2:11-12. Moses escapes to Midian/Sinai.

Exodus 3:1-22. God appears to Moses in a theophany on Mount Sinai.

Exodus 4:1-18. Moses hesitates and doubts, but God is faithful.

SERMON NOTES

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

“The book of Genesis ends with the Hebrew word which literally means ‘in Egypt.’ This, of course, provides the setting for the book of Exodus, and in reality, it is a foreboding comment because the Hebrews at the beginning of Exodus have been enslaved in Egypt for over four hundred years since the ending of Genesis. This slavery fulfills the prophecy God gave to Abraham in Genesis 15, in which he says, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years” (15:13). However, in the midst of that covenantal ceremony, God makes another promise to Abraham: “But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions” (15:14). The central message of the book of Exodus is God’s keeping of that promise by delivering Abraham’s offspring from slavery in the land of Egypt.”

- John D. Curid, *A Biblical-Theological Introduction to the Old Testament: The Gospel Promised*

PRAISE TO JESUS- Give praise to Jesus for the cross which is the LORD’s symbol of hope and deliverance from oppression of every form; it is your assurance of God’s promise and ability to save his people and to save you. Give praise to the LORD for his Word which is a more powerful symbol than Moses’ staff because it is the very words of God. It is living, active (Hebrews 4:12), it can soften the hardest heart, and it is available to US in any and every moment.

REPENTANCE THROUGH JESUS- Confess and repent of the times when you have been unavailable or impatient with a neighbor, family member, or church family member who was in a season of uncertainty and doubt. Confess and repent of the times when you have relied on your own resources (or have been shipwrecked by lack of resources) to give you assurance instead of resting in God’s promises of purpose, provision, and protection.

CONSECRATION FOR JESUS- The LORD calls us daily to obey him. To obey God is an invitation to Joy in Him. Christ has set us free from slavery to sin to freedom to obey and live. He provided his Son, the cross, His Word, the Holy Spirit and His people as signs and miracles to assure and fortify us to walk into an uncertain and fearful day declaring God’s message of deliverance through Jesus to ourselves, to our families, to our neighbors and co-workers. Let’s take up our cross for Jesus and go!

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.