



First Presbyterian  
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The Lord's Day  
September 11, 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

"Carry Me"

Welcome and Announcements

## DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Corporate Prayer of Preparation

Matthew 6:9-10, 13

Our Father, you are in heaven, high and lifted up, higher than our highest thoughts. Holy is your name; beside you there is no other! You are God, and you alone! Receive us into your kingdom—the coming kingdom—the kingdom of your anointed Son, Jesus, whose name we bear. Receive us, for we come to worship in his name—we pray in him and with him.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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*

*(chorus)*

*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 SINS AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

## Song of Reflection

## "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

*What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace*

*(chorus)*

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine, Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*The night is dark but I am not forsaken, For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need, His power is displayed*

*(chorus)*

*No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And He was raised to overthrow the grave*

*(chorus)*

*With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me, Until I stand with joy before the throne*

*(chorus)*

*When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

## OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"God With Us"

## 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 5:1-6:1 ESV

Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.'" But Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and moreover, I will not let Israel go." Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword." But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get back to your burdens." And Pharaoh said, "Behold, the people of the land are now many, and you make them rest from their burdens!" The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen, "You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves. But the number of bricks that they made in the past you shall impose on them, you shall by no means reduce it for they are idle. Therefore they cry, 'Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.' Let heavier

work be laid on the men that they may labor at it and pay no regard to lying words.” So the taskmasters and the foremen of the people went out and said to the people, “Thus says Pharaoh, ‘I will not give you straw. Go and get your straw yourselves wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced in the least.’” So the people were scattered throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw. The taskmasters were urgent, saying, “Complete your work, your daily task each day, as when there was straw.” And the foremen of the people of Israel, whom Pharaoh’s taskmasters had set over them, were beaten and were asked, “Why have you not done all your task of making bricks today and yesterday, as in the past?” Then the foremen of the people of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, “Why do you treat your servants like this? No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, ‘Make bricks!’ And behold, your servants are beaten; but the fault is in your own people.” But he said, “You are idle, you are idle; that is why you say, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.’ Go now and work. No straw will be given you, but you must still deliver the same number of bricks.” The foremen of the people of Israel saw that they were in trouble when they said, “You shall by no means reduce your number of bricks, your daily task each day.” They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh; and they said to them, “The Lord look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.” Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, “O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.” But the Lord said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.”

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Delivered to an Authentic Relationship in Christ"

Dr. Bill Pardue

## SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Song of Response

"Sovereign Over Us"

*There is strength within the sorrow There is beauty in our tears  
And you meet us in our mourning With a love that cast out fear  
You are working in our waiting You're sanctifying us  
When beyond our understanding You're teaching us to trust*

*(chorus)*

*Your plans are still to prosper You have not forgotten us  
You're with us in the fire and the flood You're faithful forever  
Perfect in love You are sovereign over us*

*You are wisdom unimagined Who could understand your ways  
Reigning high above the heavens Reaching down in endless grace  
You're the lifter of the lowly Compassionate and kind  
You surround and you uphold me And your promises are my delight*

*(chorus)*

*Even what the enemy means for evil You turn it for our good  
You turn it for our good and for your glory  
Even in the valley, you are faithful  
You're working for our good  
You're working for our good and for your glory*

*(chorus)*

Commissioning and Benediction

Scriptures for further study:

1 Peter 4:12-13

1 John 3:13

John 3:16

Psalm 34:8

Romans 8:28

Psalm 10:1

Psalm 22:1

Psalm 44:24

Matthew 11:28

1 Peter 5:6-7

Numbers 23:19

Titus 1:2 Job 40

“When we cannot trace  
God’s hand, we must simply  
trust His heart.”

– Charles Spurgeon

“I utterly deny God to be  
the author of sin. He does  
not commit sin in willing  
that there be sin. God has  
established a world in  
which sin will indeed  
necessarily come to pass by  
His permission but not by  
his positive agency.”

– Jonathan Edwards



*John Martin, The Seventh Plague of Egypt, 1823*

## **DELIVERED TO AN AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP IN CHRIST EXODUS 5:1-6:1 ESV**

### **BIG IDEA**

The grace of God to us in Jesus Christ welcomes our authentic response to the hitches and hindrances in life yet we must always be prepared for His authentic response to our less than perfect moments of faith as we bend our lives to His lordship.

### **OUTLINE**

1. Hitches and Hinderances
2. Our Authentic Response
3. God’s Authentic Response

# SERMON NOTES

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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).