



First Presbyterian

ROME

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

¹I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, ²that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well. ³Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. ⁵Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. ⁶Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. ⁷Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. ⁸Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. ⁹Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys.

¹⁰Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. ¹¹Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. ¹² Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. ¹³Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. ¹⁴Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. ¹⁵Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. ¹⁶Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 1:1-7; 16:1-16 ESV

THE LORD'S DAY

February 14, 2021

10:00 AM



God's People Gather for Worship

"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..." *(excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)*

Gathering as God's People

Gathering Song

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be.

O Light, that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day,
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy, that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross, that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be- Life that shall endless be.

Welcome and Announcements

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

From Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

Song of Praise

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing; Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing; Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above

Praise His name- I'm fixed upon it, Name of God's redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, Bought me with His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it seal; it for Thy courts above
Here's my heart, O take and seal it seal; it for Thy courts above

Song

"O Great God"

O Great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within, Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life, Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son, Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life- That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul, From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised, With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven, Glorify Your Name through me

Affirming Our Faith

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from
the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 102

Almighty God, you who are rich in mercy to all who call upon you; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your commandments by our deeds and words, and by the sinful desires of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, our failures and shortcomings. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father; and out of your great goodness grant that we may serve and please you in the newness of life in the Spirit; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Song

“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)

(bridge)

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)

Offering Our Fellowship and Gifts

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Commission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Song

"Send Me, O Lord"

The Installation of Reverend Bill Pardue

Scripture Reading	Romans 1:1-7; 16:1-16	Mr. Kenneth Studdard
<i>Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>		
ALL: Thanks be to God!		
Sermon		Rev. Tommy Overton
Presentation of Candidate & Introductory Remarks		Dr. Bill Dudley
Special Introductions		
Propounding Questions to the Candidate		Mr. Palmer Griffin
Propounding Questions to the Congregation		Mr. Palmer Griffin
Prayer of Installation and Laying on Hands		Mr. Thomas Goode
Right Hand of Fellowship		
Declaration of Installation		Dr. Bill Dudley
The Charge to Reverend Bill Pardue		Dr. Bill Dudley
The Charge to First Presbyterian Church, Rome		Mr. Tony Pemerton
Presentation of Reverend Bill Pardue		Dr. Jonathan Schwartz Rev. Ken Chivers

Scattering as Christ's Church

Song

"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

Commissioning and Benediction

Rev. Bill Pardue

Postlude





Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

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Habitat for Humanity – Rome, GA
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Hospitality House – Rome, GA
Action Ministries – Rome, GA
Salvation Army – Rome, GA
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