



First Presbyterian

ROME

⁵ Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets
who lead my people astray,
who cry "Peace"
when they have something to eat,
but declare war against him
who puts nothing into their mouths.

⁶ Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision,
and darkness to you, without divination.
The sun shall go down on the prophets,
and the day shall be black over them;

⁷ the seers shall be disgraced,
and the diviners put to shame;
they shall all cover their lips,
for there is no answer from God.

⁸ But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the Spirit of the Lord,
and with justice and might,
to declare to Jacob his transgression
and to Israel his sin.

Micah 3:5-8 ESV

THE LORD'S DAY

September 12, 2021

9:00 AM Classic Service



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)

Preparing our Hearts

Prelude

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Robert J. Powell

Ms. Faye Kesler

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prayer of Invocation

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Leader: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry ground.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

All: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Hymn of Invocation No. 8

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

Affirming Our Faith

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song of Response

"The Doxology"
OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

All: Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Praise No. 87

"Fairest Lord Jesus"
CRUSADERS' HYMN

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Just As I Am" *arr. Howard Helvey*
Chancel Choir
Dr. Aaron Rice, director
Ms. Jordan Walker, piano

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

Micah 3:5-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"The Test"

Reverend Bill Pardue

Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn of Response

"Speak O Lord" Getty and Townend

SPEAK O LORD

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.
Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"March in D Major"

David Johnson

Ms. Faye Kesler

