



# First Presbyterian

ROME

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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;

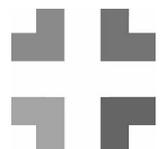
<sup>7</sup> the seers shall be disgraced,  
and the diviners put to shame;  
they shall all cover their lips,  
for there is no answer from God.

<sup>8</sup> 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

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THE LORD'S DAY  
September 12, 2021  
11:00 AM Worship Service



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# 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)

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## Gathering as God's People

Gathering Song

"To Know Your Name"

Welcome and Announcements

## Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

From Psalm 23

Let the godly sing for joy to the Lord; it is fitting for the pure to praise him.  
We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield.  
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.  
Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone.

Song

"All Things Are Ready"

"All things are ready," come, Come to the supper spread;  
Come, rich and poor, come, old and young, Come, and be richly fed.

"All things are ready," come, the invitation's given,  
Through Him Who now in glory sits at God's right hand in heaven  
All things are ready

*(chorus)*

The door is open wide for Christ the Son has died  
Oh feast upon the love of God  
O come where you belong, sing resurrection songs  
All things are ready, all things are ready, come

"All things are ready," come, all barriers are removed  
And God, in Christ, His precious love to fallen man has proved

"All things are ready," come, tomorrow may not be;  
O sinner, come, the Savior waits this hour to welcome thee  
All things are ready

Song

"The Power of the Cross"

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

*(1<sup>st</sup> chorus)*

This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

*(1<sup>st</sup> chorus)*

Oh, to see my namew ritten in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

*(2<sup>nd</sup> chorus)*

This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God— slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

## **Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

## **Offering Our Fellowship and Gifts**

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"What Wondrous Love"

## **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

Song

"Mercy Reigns"

My God is strong enough to raise me from the grave  
Your love is great enough to take away my shame  
Your mercy reigns

My God is making new the wreckage of my heart  
Your hand is reaching down to pull me from the dark

*(chorus)*

Your mercy reigns  
Your mercy covers me  
Your grace sustains  
Your grace is all I need

Your spirit is my strength to overcome the past  
I set my eyes on you and find a grace that lasts

*(chorus)*

*(bridge)*

I'm forgiven, washed inside a love that never lets go  
You never let go

*(chorus)*

My God is strong enough to raise me from the grave

Commissioning and Benediction

