



# First Presbyterian

ROME

<sup>9</sup> Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king in you? Has your counselor perished, that pain seized you like a woman in labor?

<sup>10</sup> Writhe and groan, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in labor, for now you shall go out from the city and dwell in the open country; you shall go to Babylon.

There you shall be rescued; there the Lord will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

<sup>11</sup> Now many nations are assembled against you, saying, "Let her be defiled, and let our eyes gaze upon Zion."

<sup>12</sup> But they do not know the thoughts of the Lord; they do not understand his plan, that he has gathered them as sheaves to the threshing floor.

<sup>13</sup> Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion, for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hoofs bronze; you shall beat in pieces many peoples; and shall devote their gain to the Lord, their wealth to the Lord of the whole earth.

<sup>1</sup> Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek.

Micah 4:9-5:1 ESV

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THE LORD'S DAY

October 10, 2021

9:00 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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## Preparing our Hearts

Prelude

"We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit"

*Dietrich Buxtehude*

Ms. Faye Kesler

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prayer of Invocation

## Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-3

*Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

*All: Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

Hymn of Praise No. 21

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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## Affirming Our Faith

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

*Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?*

*All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Lord?*

*All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended to hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

*All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

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 Sins and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Based on Psalm 51:10-12

*Leader: Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.*

*All: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Reflection No. 128

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"  
ELLACOMBE

## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Be Still and Know" *Michael John Trotta*  
Chancel Choir  
Ms. Judy Powell, 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 4:9-5:1

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

**ALL:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Gospel Perspective and the Lord's Plan"  
Reverend Ken Chivers

## Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn of Affirmation No. 215

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"  
LAUDES DOMINI

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"Praise Be to Almighty God, BWV602"  
*J.S. Bach*  
Ms. Faye Kesler





# Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

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Habitat for Humanity – Rome, GA  
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Hospitality House – Rome, GA  
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