



# First Presbyterian

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<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

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

"Laden With Guilt"

Welcome and Announcements

## Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

From Psalm 68

Rise up, O God, and scatter your enemies. Let those who hate God run for their lives.  
But let the godly rejoice. Let them be glad in God's presence. Let them be filled with joy.  
Sing praises to God and to his name! Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds.  
His name is the Lord— rejoice in his presence!

Hymn of Praise

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

I will glory in my Redeemer, Whose priceless blood has ransomed me  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree  
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the power of sin and death  
My only Savior before the holy Judge, The Lamb Who is my righteousness  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness

I will glory in My Redeemer, my life he bought, my love He owns  
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone  
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagle's wings  
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing  
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold  
His face forever to behold.

## Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Responsive Prayer of Confession

From Psalm 130

*Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.*

*All: Lord, hear my voice!*

*Leader: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

*All: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?*

*Leader: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.*

*All: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,  
yes, more than those who watch for the morning.*

*Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.*

Assurance of Pardon

## Song of Response

"Good, Good Father"

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like  
But, I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night  
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

*(chorus)*

You're a Good, Good Father, It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who you are  
And I'm loved by You, It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide  
'Cause You know just what we need before we, say a word

*(chorus)*

*(bridge)*

'Cause You are perfect in all of your ways, perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us, You are perfect in all of your ways  
Oh, You're perfect in all of your ways, You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh, it's a love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think, As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still and to love, love, love

*(chorus 4 times)*

## Offering Our Fellowship and Gifts

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"No Longer Slaves"

## 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

Song

"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 fears.  
You are working in our waiting  
Sanctifying us

And 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,  
Your promises are my delight

*(chorus)*

*(bridge)*

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

