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31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

*“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:31-39 ESV

THE LORD'S DAY

December 26, 2021

11:00 AM Worship 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)*

Gathering as God's People

Gathering Song

"Adore Him"

Welcome and Announcements

Declaring God's Praise

Prayer of Preparation

Song of Praise

"Joy Has Dawned"

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation:
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary

Sounds of wonder fill the sky, with the songs of angels,
As the mighty Prince of Life, shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands, prophesy the story.
Gold, a King is born today, incense, God is with us,
Myrrh, his death will make a way, by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven, given as a ransom,
Reconciling God and man, Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Savior, what a Friend, what a glorious mystery:
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of history.

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Response

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for my fight, be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower. Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Offering Our Fellowship and Gifts

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"What a Beautiful Name"

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

Romans 8:31-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Our Blessings in Christ for 2022"

Reverend Ken Chivers

Scattering as Christ's Church

Song of Response

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not, as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be!

(chorus)

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy Faithfulness morning by morning, new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided, great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling; Covenant promises fell not to me
Then without warning, desire, or deserving, I found my Treasure, my pleasure, in Thee.

(chorus)

I have no merit to woo or delight Thee, I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ;
Yet in thy mercy, how pleasing thou find'st me, This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy.

(chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

(chorus)

Commissioning and Benediction

