



# First Presbyterian

ROME

<sup>4</sup> For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, <sup>6</sup> and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. <sup>7</sup> For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. <sup>8</sup> But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

<sup>9</sup> Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. <sup>10</sup> For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. <sup>11</sup> And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, <sup>12</sup> so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 6:4-12 ESV

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THE LORD'S DAY

April 3, 2022

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

"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou  
Offended"  
*Helmut Walcha*  
Ms. Faye Kesler

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

## Declaring God's Praise

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

From Psalm 28:1-2, 6-9

*Leader: To you I call, O Lord my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me.*

*All: Hear my cry for mercy, as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.*

*Leader: Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy.*

*All: The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.*

*Leader: The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.*

*All: Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.*

Hymn of Praise No. 104

"O Worship the King"  
LYONS  
Verses 1 - 4

## Affirming Our Faith

Affirmation of Faith

Ephesians 2:4-10 ESV

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Song of Response

"The Doxology"  
OLD HUNDREDDTH

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

### Prayer of Confession

O God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for your presence and humbly seeks your love: we come to you to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. But you, O Lord, are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy; there is forgiveness with you. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let your word abide within us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Reflection No. 306

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"  
MARTYRDOM

## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"And Can It Be?" *arr. Eric Nelson*  
Chancel Choir  
Dr. Aaron Rice, director  
Ms. Faye Kesler, organ

## 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

Hebrews 6:4-12 ESV

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Disaster for the Sluggish,  
Hope for the Persistent"  
Ruling Elder Rob Davis

## Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn of Response No. 139

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"  
FAITHFULNESS

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"Toccatina in E Minor"  
*Johann Pachelbel*  
Ms. Faye Kesler



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# Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

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## THE CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor of Evangelism and Outreach  
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Jesse & Bobbie – North Asia  
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Campus Outreach – Berry College  
Community Kitchen – Rome GA  
EPC World Outreach  
Hands of Love – Bolivia  
Power Ministry – Texas/Mexico  
Family Resource Center – Rome GA  
Good Neighbor Ministries – Rome GA  
Habitat for Humanity – Rome GA  
Haven Health Clinic – Rome GA  
Hospitality House – Rome GA  
Action Ministries – Rome GA  
Salvation Army – Rome GA  
Davies Homeless Shelter – Rome GA  
Ruth & Naomi Shelter – Rome GA  
Restoration Rome – Rome GA  
Project 2028 Church Planting – EPC Presbytery of SE

