



# First Presbyterian

ROME

<sup>1</sup> Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, <sup>2</sup> a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. <sup>3</sup> For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. <sup>4</sup> Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. <sup>5</sup> They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain." <sup>6</sup> But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. <sup>7</sup> For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. <sup>8</sup> For he finds fault with them when he says: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, <sup>9</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. <sup>10</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>11</sup> And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. <sup>12</sup> For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." <sup>13</sup> In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Hebrews 8:1-13 ESV

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THE LORD'S DAY

April 24, 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

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

Wilber Held

Ms. Faye Kesler

Welcome and Announcements

## Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Psalm 27:4; Psalm 84:1-2, 10-12

*Leader: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:*

All: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

*Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!*

All: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

*Leader: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;*

All: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

*Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.*

All: O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Hymn of Praise No. 225

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

## Affirming Our Faith

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; we have not even 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 with us until it has conformed us to your holy will. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

### Hymn of Reflection No. 16

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"  
DIADEM

## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

### Peace and Greetings

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"To God Be the Glory" *arr. Mark Hayes*  
Chancel Choir  
Dr. Aaron Rice, director  
Ms. Jordan Walker, piano

## Hearing God's Word

### Scripture Reading

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

**ALL:** Thanks be to God!

Hebrews 8:1-13 ESV

### Sermon

"The Better Covenant"  
Reverend Ken Chivers

## Scattering as Christ's Church

### Hymn of Response No. 370

"Rejoice the Lord is King"  
DARWALL

### Commissioning and Benediction

### Postlude

"Prelude on Llanfair"  
*Robert J. Powell*  
Ms. Faye Kesler





# Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

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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  
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Restoration Rome – Rome GA  
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