



First Presbyterian

ROME

¹ 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, ² a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. ³ For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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." ⁶ 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. ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. ⁸ 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, ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." ¹³ 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

THE LORD'S DAY

April 24, 2022

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

"Mountain"

Welcome and Announcements

Declaring God's Praise

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Leader: Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

All: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

Leader: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

All: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

Song of Praise

"Give Me Jesus"

In the morning, when I rise, in the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus

(chorus)

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus
You can have all this world, just give me Jesus

When I am alone, when I am alone
Oh, when I am alone, give me Jesus

(chorus)

When I come to die, when I come to die
oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

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)

'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)

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

Offering Our Fellowship and Gifts

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Living Hope"

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 8:1-13 ESV

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"The Better Covenant"
Reverend Ken Chivers

Scattering as Christ's Church

Song of Response

"How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

(chorus)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; how great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin...

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

Commissioning and Benediction





Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

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Action Ministries – Rome GA
Salvation Army – Rome GA
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Ruth & Naomi Shelter – Rome GA
Restoration Rome – Rome GA
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