



# First Presbyterian

ROME

<sup>1</sup>Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. <sup>2</sup>For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. <sup>3</sup>Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, <sup>4</sup>having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. <sup>5</sup>Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

<sup>6</sup>These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, <sup>7</sup>but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. <sup>8</sup>By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing <sup>9</sup>(which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, <sup>10</sup>but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

<sup>11</sup>But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Hebrews 9:1-14 ESV

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THE LORD'S DAY

May 1, 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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

arr. John A. Behnke

Ms. Faye Kesler

Welcome and Announcements

## Declaring God's Praise

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7

*Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.*

**All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

*Leader: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.*

**All: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

Hymn of Praise No. 8

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

## Affirming Our Faith

Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Confessing Our Sins and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Silent Prayer Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have pity upon us, for we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. And forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Reflection No. 87

"Fairest Lord Jesus"  
CRUSADERS' HYMN

## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

A Moment for Ministry

Be Generous Campaign  
*2 Corinthians 9:11*

*You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"  
*Craig Courtney*  
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 9:1-14 ESV

Sermon

"Gospel Confrontation"  
Reverend Bill Pardue

## Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn of Response No. 153

"Worthy of Worship"  
JUDSON

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"Postlude with Timbrel and Dance"  
*Dale Wood*  
Ms. Faye Kesler





# Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

## THE CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor of Evangelism and Outreach  
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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