



First Presbyterian

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The Lord's Day

July 17, 2022

11:00 AM Worship Service

Vision for Worship

Foundational to the mission of FPC Rome is the proclamation that, “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...”

GOSPEL CENTERED

Our worship services are ordered in such a way that the Gospel story is proclaimed anew each week through the elements of Word and sacrament, creed and confession, prayer and song, with each service having its distinctive way of doing so.

BIBLICALLY BASED

It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.

- Deuteronomy 6:13

ROOTED IN REFORMED TRADITION

Natural understanding reveals that there is a God, who is lord and sovereign over everything, who is good and does good to everyone, and who is therefore to be held in awe, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served with all our heart, soul, and might. The acceptable way of worshiping the true God is established by God himself. God’s revealed will so defines and outlines proper worship that neither the imaginations and devices of men nor the suggestions of Satan are to be followed. God is not to be worshiped under any visible representation or in any other way than that prescribed in Holy Scripture.

Religious worship is to be given to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and only to him, not to angels, saints, or any other creature. Since the fall this worship must involve a mediator, and there is no other mediator than Christ alone.

- WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH CHAPTER 21, 1-2

God's People Gather for Worship

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

Prelude

“With Timbrel and Dance”

Dale Wood

Ms. Faye Kesler

Welcome and Announcements

DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14-15, 17

Leader: Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel!

All: Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.

All: The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

Leader: The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save.

All: He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.

Hymn of Praise No. 215

“When Morning Guilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

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.

Song of Response

“The Doxology”

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Whiter than Snow"

arr. Dan Forrest

Summer Choir

Dr. Timothy Renner, director & piano

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 8:31-32 ESV

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"The Compelling Content of Discipleship"

Dr. Bill Pardue

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

Hymn of Reflection No. 352

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

EBENEZER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Partaking of the Elements

The Congregation will remain in their seats as the elements are distributed to you and partake each element together after all have been served. A gluten free option is available on each of the bread trays.

SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Hymn of Response No. 414

"O Word of God Incarnate"

MUNICH

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"March in D Major"

David Johnson

Ms. Faye Kesler

Discipleship is learning from Jesus to live like Jesus by abiding in Jesus

Review: Because Jesus calls us to be His disciples, let us pursue biblical community for the sake of spiritual vitality.

I. Big Idea: Because Jesus calls us to be His disciples, let us abide in His word for the sake of spiritual vitality.

II. Abide

“When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who stay with us...”

- Henri Nouwen

“Why did you do all this for me?’ he asked. ‘I don't deserve it. I've never done anything for you.’ ‘You have been my friend,’ replied Charlotte. ‘That in itself is a tremendous thing.’

- E.B. White, Charlotte’s Web

III. Word

“Let me make a bold, but, I think, defensible assertion: we should approach the Scriptures with the same reverence we would have in approaching Christ.”

- Kevin DeYoung

“The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.”

-George Mueller

IV. Conclusion

“One of the most important convictions you can ever form is the conviction that Jesus, as a real, living, precious person, is known today chiefly through his word.”

- John Piper

Thank You for Worshiping with Us Today

OUR MISSION

By God's grace alone and to His glory alone, the First Presbyterian Church of Rome exists to worship God in His greatness and holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity, to know Jesus Christ in his fullness, to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to be united together as a community of faith.

In grateful response to the privilege of knowing God and being called according to His purpose, we long to grow as faithful, fruitful followers of Jesus Christ. To this end, through joyful submission, we will emphasize and strive as a corporate body:

- to live together in authentic and loving fellowship,
- to make and mobilize disciples,
- to share the Gospel in word and action locally and around the world, and
- to serve sacrificially the community in which God has placed us.

* We acknowledge that Christ has given the church universal its 'mission' in the call to fulfill the Great Commission and honor the Great Commandment. Our Mission Statement sets forth how our particular church, at this season and place, shall emphasize its part in this greater, corporate calling. Our Mission Statement is to serve as our means of testing and direction in particular ministry without, in any way, limiting what God may otherwise do in leading us. It is subordinate to the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which consists of the Book of Order (comprised of The Book of Government, The Book of Discipline and the Book of Worship), the Westminster Confession of Faith (including the Larger and Shorter Catechisms) and the document "Essentials of Our Faith". In turn all of these documents are subordinate to Scripture, the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks.

LET'S CONNECT

If you are visiting with us today, we would love to have the opportunity to answer any questions you may have about our ministries. Please fill out our Connect Card and our Connections team will contact you. We look forward to connecting with you!

Ministry Opportunities: Discover how God has gifted you for His service and shows you potential areas of service in the church and community. Complete our Serve Profile at www.fpcrome.org/serve.

ShelbyNext: Visit our church website for access to our giving platform, membership directory, calendar, and more at www.fpcrome.org.

Sunday Mornings at FPC: We offer several Sunday studies for all ages. For a complete list visit our website.

Prayer Requests: To submit a Prayer Request for you or someone you know that is in need, you may do so on our website, or you may contact the church office. If you would like to receive updated prayer requests please contact Tracy Dupree at tracyd@fpcrome.org.

Missions: FPC supports several local and global missions. For more details please visit our website or contact Mr. Rob Davis at robd@fpcrome.org.