



First Presbyterian  
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The Lord's Day

July 24, 2022

11:00 AM Worship Service

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# Vision for Worship

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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**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

*- Psalm 145:3*

## **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*

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# God's People Gather for Worship

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## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Song

"Come Ye Sinners"

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

## DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Responsive Call to Worship

from Psalm 100

*Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!*

**All: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his, we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

*Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

**All: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Hymn of Praise

"Come Thou Almighty King"

*Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise. Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious, come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days. Ancient of Days.*

*Come, Thou incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend: Come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy word success; Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend.*

(chorus)

*Come and reign, come and reign. Come and reign our King*

*Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour: Thou who Almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.*

*To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be  
Hence evermore. Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see, and to eternity  
Love and adore.*

## CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS

### Responsive Prayer of Confession

*Leader: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.*

**All: You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

*Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.*

**All: Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

### Song of Response

"Gospel Doxology"

*Your perfect law exposes me, I feel my sin and desperate need  
My best good works are powerless to satisfy Your righteousness*

*But there is One who lived for me, His life, my only victory  
His death forever sealed in time that I am His and He is mine*

*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 OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"His Mercy is More"

## 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

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 Catalyst for Discipleship"  
Dr. Bill Pardue

## SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH

Hymn 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!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

*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

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

**I. Big Idea:** Because Jesus calls us to be His disciples, let us pursue Gospel freedom for the sake of spiritual vitality.

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## II. Gospel freedom

“Our redemption is from the curse of God’s law, not from our duty to obey it. We are justified, not because of our obedience to the law, but in order that we may become obedient to God’s law. To love Christ is to keep His commandments. To love God is to obey His law.”

- R.C. Sproul

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“For Jesus, then, the ultimate bondage is not enslavement to a political or economic system, but vicious slavery to moral failure, to rebellion against God who has made us. The despotic master is not Caesar, but shameful self-centeredness, an evil and enslaving devotion to created things at the expense of worship of the Creator.”

- D.A. Carson

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“Man as so curved in upon himself that he uses not only physical but even spiritual goods for his own purposes and in all things seeks only himself.”

- Martin Luther

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“The greatest need of our souls is to be conquered by the self-sacrificing, sinner-serving Christ and direct our invictus manifesto against evil — especially the evil within us.”

- Jon Bloom

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## IV. Conclusion

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# Thank You for Worshiping with Us Today

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## 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](http://www.fpcrome.org/serve).

**ShelbyNext:** Visit our church website for access to our giving platform, membership directory, calendar, and more at [www.fpcrome.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:robd@fpcrome.org).