



# First Presbyterian

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ROME

The Lord's Day  
January 11, 2026  
9:00 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**

“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,”

- *Hebrews 12:28*

## **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 CONFESION OF FAITH CHAPTER 21, 1-2*

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# God's People Gather for Worship

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## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”  
arr. Hayden Sykes

Announcements

Women's Ministry

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

## DECLARING GOD'S PRAISE

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-6

*Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.*

**All: Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

*Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

**All: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

*Leader: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.*

**All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

Psalm of Praise No. 96

“Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise”

WESLEY

## AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Affirmation of Faith

adapted from Valley of Vision

“Second Day Morning: God Over All”

**Our God is All-Sufficient. He has made and upholds all things by the word of his power. One generation succeeds another, and we hasten back to dust; the heavens we behold will vanish away like the clouds that cover them, the earth we tread on will dissolve as a morning dream. But our God is unchangeable and incorruptible; forever and ever, he is God over all, blessed eternally. Infinitely great and glorious is our God. We are his offspring and under his care. His hands have made and fashioned us. He has watched over us with more than paternal protection and more than maternal tenderness.**

**He holds our soul eternally, and will not allow us to be lost. His divine power has given us all things necessary for life and godliness. He has redeemed our lives from destruction, crowned us with lovingkindness and tender mercies, satisfied our mouths with good things, renewed our youth like the eagle's. His Holy Scriptures govern every part of our lives, and regulate the discharge of all our duties, so that our lives may adorn the glory of his name in all things.**

Song of Response

“Gloria Patri”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

## **CONFESSING OUR SIN AND EMBRACING OUR FORGIVENESS**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Reflection No. 224

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

JOANNA

## **OFFERING OUR FELLOWSHIP AND GIFTS**

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*arr. Richard Walters*

Mr. Ben Geiger, soloist

## **INTERCEDING FOR GOD'S WORLD**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Psalm 2 ESV

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, <sup>3</sup>“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.” <sup>4</sup>He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. <sup>5</sup>Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, <sup>6</sup>“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” <sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. <sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.” <sup>10</sup>Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. <sup>11</sup>Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup>Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“The Laughter of God”

Dr. Bill Pardue

## **SCATTERING AS CHRIST'S CHURCH**

Hymn of Response No. 417

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

DUKE STREET

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

“Jesus, Friend of Sinners”

*arr. Jason Payne*

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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 LeAnn McDaniel at [leannm@fpcrome.org](mailto:leannm@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).

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