

WELCOME!
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CALL TO WORSHIP* *Psalm 116:6–9*
[6] The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. [7] Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. [8] For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; [9] I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. (ESV)

PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

Be Thou My Vision*
Mary Elizabeth Byrne and Eleanor Henrietta Hull

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’ns sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery* *Offertory Hymn*
Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven’s praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff’ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father’s plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e’er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv’rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

MISSIONS UPDATE

DOXOLOGY*
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER ending in THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MESSAGE **THE PASSEOVER** *Rev. Andrew Keasling*
Exodus 12:1-28
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APOSTLE’S 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 of 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 arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits 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.*
**The word “catholic” refers not to the Roman Catholic Church, but to the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, forgive us for our many sins. Like our first parents, we are easily captivated by the objects that our eyes desire. We fall so often, and when we do, we run and hide in shame instead of running to you to confess our sin and find joy and forgiveness in the cross. You have given us your most cherished treasure, yet we prize many other things more highly than Christ. Forgive us for trusting in our own strength more than in his power to save us completely. We live each day with hearts full of our own desires, minds full of our own agendas and plans for our own self-promotion. Forgive us, Lord. This we ask in the name of the cherished one who gave himself up for us, our Lord Jesus. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL *1 Corinthians 5:7b–8*
[7b] For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. [8] Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (ESV)

CELEBRATING AT THE TABLE *The Lord’s Supper*

He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)*
Bob Kauflin and David Zimmer

I lift my eyes and see
I need not be afraid
All my help comes from the Lord
Who the earth and sky has made

He will keep you from all evils
Behind you and before
He will sustain you through this journey
From now and evermore

The Lord will never sleep
My steps He has ordained
For the One Who holds the night
Is the Sovereign of my days

CHURCH LIFE UPDATES

BENEDICTION

* Please stand if able

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Life is so often busy and full, and we are constantly dealing with difficult things, frequently doing so alone. We as a church long to be able to truly do life together and come alongside one another. One of the best ways we can do that is to pray for one another. Therefore, we are creating a weekly congregational prayer list to be shared with the staff and officers so they can be in regular prayer for the needs of the people at FPO. We encourage you to let us know about how we can best pray for you by emailing us at **prayer@firstpresopelika.org**. We would love for you to share day-to-day needs as well as surgeries, illnesses, deaths, births, diagnoses, or other life events so we can lift those to the Lord.

Administration of the Ordination Vows

- 1. Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior?
- 2. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- 3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
- 4. Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
- 5. Do you affirm and adopt the “Essentials of Our Faith” without exception?
- 6. Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?
- 7. Do you promise subjection to your fellow Presbyters in the Lord?
- 8. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy Ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the gospel of His Son?
- 9. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?

Administration of the Installation Vows

- 1. Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Ruling Elder, whether personal, or interpersonal, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the congregation of which God is making you overseer?
- 2. Are you now willing to accept the call of this church as Ruling Elder, and, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties required of that office?

Questions to the Congregation

- 1. Are you, the members of this congregation, ready to receive Bill, John and Scott as your Ruling Elders?
- 2. Do you promise to submit to them in matters of spiritual discipline, and to receive with humility and love the word of truth?
- 3. Do you promise to support them with your prayers, to give encouragement in their work, and to assist them in every way as they seek to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God in this place?

CHURCH LIFE

FPO MISSIONS MOMENT

Our Missionaries
Noeun and Tiffany Non, Maelin, Nolan and Selah serve in Central Asia by partnering alongside the local indigenous church body in Central Asia. They desire to make disciples, build communities leading to church growth and planting. We desire to see healthy churches grow and planted in their indigenous context.

FPO also supports Paul and Virginia Tanner, serving with African Inland Mission in Tanzania. The Tanners have been serving in Africa for 30 years. They have a passion for reaching the unreached peoples along the south coast of Tanzania and are focused on church planting and agricultural projects. <https://aimint.org>

SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING EVENTS

TWO Worship Services Starting on January 11th

In order to be a good steward of all the growth the Lord has provided, we will be adding an additional worship service starting on January 11th. The new service will be at 8:15am with the times for the Equip Hour and our other worship remaining unchanged. We are asking all those who are willing, to make the 8:15 service their normal service for the Winter/Spring semester.

Ready to Worship Resuming January 11th - Early Service Only

Ready to Worship will resume next week, and will be offered during the 8:15am service only. It will continue to take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, beginning 1/11, and going through the 2nd Sunday in May. As a reminder, parents with children ages K-2nd grade who want their children to participate in Ready to Worship MUST sign in their children in the back before the service on the Sundays they wish to participate.

Marriage Saturday - Saturday, 1.17.26 @ 9am

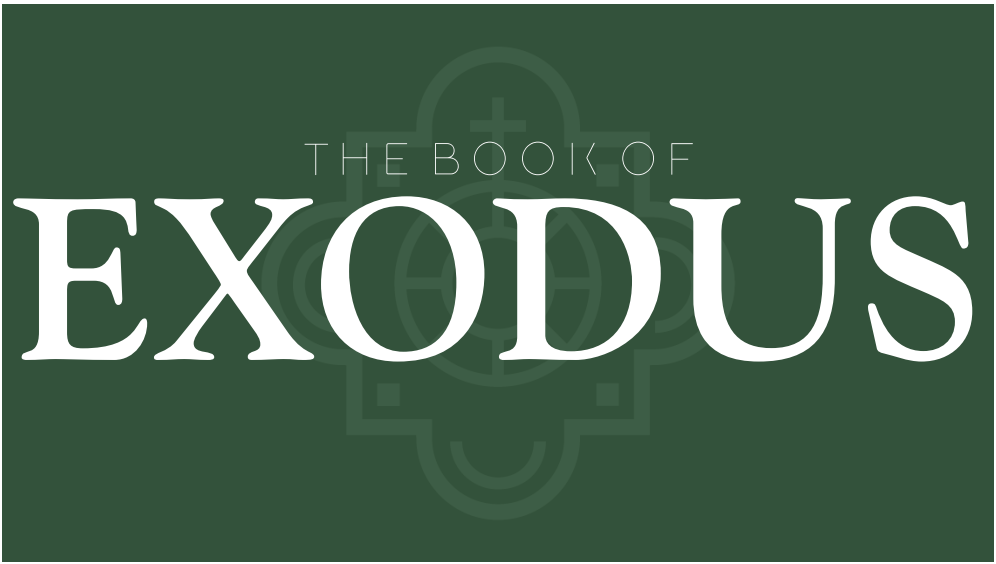
We have our very 1st Marriage Saturday coming up in January. This is an opportunity for every couple— from engaged to married for 50+ years— to grow in their relationship together. The Theme will be “Deeply Known” as we see how we are known by God and called to know and be known by our spouse. Where: FPO from 9am-2pm, with lunch and childcare provided. Cost: \$30 per couple to cover costs for the event. Use the QR code below to register and for additional information on the speaker. The LAST DAY to register will be January 10th.



Exodus Series has Resumed!

Reminder that we have resumed our study of Exodus! The list of upcoming readings will be added back to the bulletin next week. The passage for next Sunday is Exodus 12:29-42.

First Presbyterian Opelika exists to multiply and grow disciples of Jesus through Gospel-centered Worship, Gospel-saturated Community, Gospel-shaped Service, and Gospel-motivated Mission.



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