

WELCOME!

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CALL TO WORSHIP*

Advent Week 1 - Isaiah 9:2 & John 8:12

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. Isaiah 9:2 (ESV)

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12 (ESV)

PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Johann Sebastian Bach and Charles Wesley

Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel’s strength and consolation
Hope of all the saints Thou art
Dear Desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see Thee
Dayspring from on high appear
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse
Of Thy birth, we long to hear
O’er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth
“Go to Him, your praises brining
Christ the Lord has come to earth”

Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By His life He brings us gladness
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born the Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child, and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Henry Sloane Coffin, Thomas Helmore, and John Mason Neale

O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel*

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
Who orders all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go

O come thou Rod of Jesse free
Thine own from Satan’s tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave

O come thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death’s dark shadows put to flight

O come Desire of nations bind
In one the hearts of all mankind
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease
And be Thyself our King of Peace

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

MESSAGE

JESUS AS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE THAT BRINGS US HOPE

JOHN 11:17-44

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Rev. Andrew Keasling

O Come All Ye Faithful*

C. Frederick Oakeley and John Francis Wade

O come all Ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

*O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord*

Sing choirs of angels! Sing in exultation!
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God! All glory in the highest

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

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!

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, we confess that though we know these things to be true, we have failed to truly trust in the reality of what you have done for us, and we have failed to live out the implications of what your gospel means for our lives. Please forgive us for neglecting such wonderful truths, and please help us to pay closer attention to what we have heard.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 4:25

[25] [Jesus our Lord] was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. (ESV)

CELEBRATING AT THE TABLE

The Lord’s Supper

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery*

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

CHURCH LIFE UPDATES

BENEDICTION

** Please stand if able*

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Sunday Schedule:

Worship @ 10:30am

Equip @ 9:15am

Adults in the Fellowship Hall, Children ages 3months-5th grade in the FPOkids building, and Youth ages 6th-12th grade in The Corner.

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.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The functional picture of church life in the Bible is FAMILY. Community Groups at FPO are designed to provide the context for the experience and expression of family. Community Groups are generally groups of 6-14 people that meet in someone's home throughout the week and are built around pursuing intentional relationships designed to spur one another toward following Jesus.

If you are interested in joining a Community Group, or have questions, please contact Jonathan Prudhomme at jonathan@firstpresopelika.org.

DETAILS

Want text updates? Text "FPO" to (855) 956-4651

Want to make a financial gift? Text "FPO" to 73256. Click the link & complete your gift. (Choose BUILDING FUND to give to campus improvements)

Feeling Social? Follow us on Instagram @firstpresopelika

Want to join a Community Group? Email jonathan@firstpresopelika.org

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CHURCH LIFE

FPO MISSIONS MOMENT

FPO supports Christian Women's Job Corps, which is located in Opelika and delivers hope through life and career skills. CWJC offers women the opportunity to reach their full potential and improve their situation. If interested in volunteering, please contact the church. <https://cwjc.net>

SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Advent Wreath Event - Tuesday 12.3.24 @ 6:00pm

An annual women's event to prepare our hearts and homes for Advent! Register for a spot at this year's workshop by November 27th. Cost is \$15 and can be paid through the Realm event, by cash or check, or by venmo (@Kelly-Sasser). Invite your friends, neighbors & roommates!



SCAN TO REGISTER:

Congregational Meeting - Sunday 12.8.24

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting in order to elect new officers for terms beginning in January 2025. The meeting will take place at the conclusion of the worship service.

Our Deacon candidates are: Lofton Beasley, Glenn Leuenberger, Edward Whatley

Discover FPO - Friday 1.31.25 & Saturday 2.1.25

A two-session class for folks interested in learning more about FPO and the EPC and the first step in a consideration of church membership at FPO. Meals will be provided at both sessions (dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday). Please note that parents are asked to make their own childcare arrangements for the Friday night session, but childcare will be provided in the FPOkids building by request for the Saturday morning session.



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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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