

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 34:1,8-10

[1] I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. [8] Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! [9] Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! [10] The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. (ESV)

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CONFESSON OF SIN

Father, we confess that though we profess these things to be true, in the face of temptation and trial, we have chosen the urgent thing rather than the important thing. We have chosen the fleeting pleasures of sin rather than the inestimable worth of Jesus who alone can satisfy our hearts. Please forgive us, and please fill us with the joy of your gospel so that we can withstand temptation and trial for your name’s sake.

PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

William Batchelder Bradbury, Robert Critchley, and Edward Mote

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus’ Name

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
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When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my Hope and Stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

By Thy Mercy*

Indelible Grace

Jesus, Lord of life and glory; Bend from heaven thy gracious ear
While our waiting souls adore thee; Friend of helpless sinners, hear

From the depth of nature’s blindness; from the hardening power of sin
From all malice and unkindness; from the pride that lurks within

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord

When temptation sorely presses; in the day of Satan’s power
In our times of deep distresses; in each dark and trying hour

When the world around is smiling; in the time of wealth and ease
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling; in the day of health and peace

In the weary hours of sickness; in the times of grief and pain
When we feel our mortal weakness; when all human help is vain

In the solemn hour of dying; in the awful judgment day
May our souls, on Thee relying; find Thee still our Rock and Stay

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.

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He Will Hold Me Fast*

Keith and Kristyn Getty

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life’s fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He’ll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

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.

PRIVATE CONFESSON

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Hebrews 4:14–16

[14] Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. [16] Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (ESV)

CELEBRATING AT THE TABLE

The Lord’s Supper

Join us as we welcome to the table:

Nelson Park Hillyer
Banks Larmore Tatum

Grace*

Jonny Robinson, Niki Shepherd, and Rich Thompson

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Savior

CHURCH LIFE UPDATES

BENEDICTION

* Please stand if able

Are you a guest at FPO? Welcome!

We are so happy you are here today! We would love the opportunity to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about FPO. Scan the QR below to complete our guest form. We know there are many wonderful churches in Auburn-Opelika and we hope that you always feel welcome here.



Sunday Schedule:

Worship @ 8:15am & 10:30am
Equip @ 9:15am

Adults in the Fellowship Hall
Children ages 3months-3rd grade in the FPOkids building
Children ages 4th & 5th grade in the White House
Youth ages 6th-8th grade in The Corner
Youth ages 9th-12th grade in the White House

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.

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.

Zachary Lightfoot is serving with Onward in Japan building relationships with university students in order to share the Gospel.

FPO also supports Christian Care Ministries, which operates a soup kitchen in Opelika every Thursday from 9:30-12:30. CCM seeks to provide food and clothing to those in need in our community. If interested in volunteering, please contact the church.

SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING EVENTS

New Equip Hour Classes Start Next Week!

We will begin two new Equip Hour classes next Sunday, 9/13/26: 2 Timothy & The Common Rule

College Lunch Next Sunday after the 10:30am service

All college students are invited to attend a free lunch immediately following the 10:30am worship service next Sunday, 9/13/26!

Name Tag Sunday Next Sunday!

Join us in wearing name tags on Sunday, September 13th, so that we can get familiar with all of our new faces! Name tags will be provided.

Caring Ministry

We as a church long to care well for each other as we walk through the trials of this life. We now have a Caring Ministry to help us do that well. The best way to do that is to be informed of what is happening in our lives. If you or someone you know at the church is walking through a difficult time, please let us know at caring@firstpresopelika.org.

FPO Worship Night & Dinner - Tuesday, 9.22.26 in the Chapel

Join us for Worship Night in the historic chapel on September 22nd! Worship begins at 6pm. There will be a dinner in the Fellowship Hall prior to the service at 5:15pm. The cost for dinner is \$6 per person (capped at \$30 per family for larger families) to help offset expenses. Use the QR code on the right to register and pay.



Register for the Men’s Bible Study!

We encourage all men to come and gather with other men as we read the book The Pursuit of Holiness together. We have 2 groups:
1 on Mondays for lunch and 1 on Thursdays for breakfast.Meals provided.
- Men’s Lunch Study 12-1pm (Sept. 14th-Nov. 16th, off Oct. 12th)
- Men’s Morning Study 6:30-7:30am (Sept. 17th-Nov. 19th, off Oct. 15th)



Women’s Bible Studies

— FPO Women’s Study led by Claire Leuenberger on Revelation: Every Thursday from Sept. 10th - Nov. 18th (off Oct. 8th). 7-9pm at Claire’s house. Contact cvleuen@gmail.com
— Anne Nicholson’s Study: Every Tuesday from Sept. 8th-Nov. 17th (off Oct. 13th). 10:30-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact annecnicholson@gmail.com
— Jan Rice’s Study: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from Sept. 16th- Dec. 16th. 9:15-11am at Jan’s House. Contact janrice100@gmail.com

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND ON YOUR WAY OUT TODAY!



September 6, 2026