

PRELUDE

O Church Arise

O church arise and put your armor on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say
that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes
the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize
for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where
love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed
beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give us grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalms 112:1, 9

[1] Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments! [9] He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor. (ESV)

PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Bless the Lord O my soul; O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before; O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Before The Throne Of God Above*

Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 15:22-23a

[22] And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. [23] For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. (ESV)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, we confess that we have been presumptuous because, though we say we believe, yet we have not obeyed you. Though we may appear to worship you with our lips, yet we have not followed you with our lives. Please forgive us, and please make the desires of our hearts match our actions so that your name might be glorified in the world.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 4:4-8

[4] Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. [5] And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, [6] just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: [7] "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; [8] blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." (ESV)

I Surrender All*

Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter and Winfield Scott Weeden

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

Offertory Hymn

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me

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

WHAT GOOD IS IT?

JAMES 2:14-26
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Rev. Andrew Keasling

All I Have Is Christ*

Jordan Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

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.

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.

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 Open Heavens Ministries, which grows others in faith and practice through the study of God’s word through distribution of biblical curriculum to women’s prisons, residential recovery programs, assisted living facilities, and rural churches.

SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Discover FPO - October 2nd & 3rd

A class for folks interested in learning more about First Pres Opelika and the EPC. Completion of this class is required for membership, however not everyone who participates will pursue membership.



FPO Fall Party - Sunday, 10.25.26 @ 4pm

Join us for food, music, and fun!
Last names A-L, bring a dessert; M-Z, bring a side dish.
A signup will go out soon through email for anyone wanting to compete in our chili cookoff!

You can always find our upcoming events on our website at www.firstpresopelika.org/events & www.firstpresopelika.org/this-month



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