

WELCOME!

We are so glad that you chose to worship with us today! If you are a guest, we would love the opportunity to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about FPO. Scan the QR code on the back to complete our guest form. We know there are many wonderful churches in Auburn-Opelika and we hope that you always feel welcome here!

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 30:2-5

[2] O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. [3] O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. [4] Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. [5] For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. (ESV)

PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

Come Ye Sinners Poor And Wretched*

Beech Spring

Come ye sinners poor and wretched
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity joined with power
He is able, He is able
He is willing doubt no more
He is able, He is able
He is willing doubt no more

Come ye weary heavy laden
Bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all
Not the righteous, not the righteous
Sinners Jesus came to call
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Come ye needy, come, and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy
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Come to Jesus Christ and buy

The Incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good
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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

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 darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

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

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

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

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Rev. James Heard

MARK 5:21-43

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In Christ Alone*

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought & storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Offertory Hymn

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 recognize that we confess these truths with our mouths, but our hearts have been far from you. We say that we believe that you have been crucified for the forgiveness of our sins, and yet still strive to earn your favor. We say that we believe that you have been raised for our justification, and yet we try to justify ourselves on our own terms. Please forgive us, and please grant us repentance so that we might rest in the wonderful truth of your gospel.

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

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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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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FPO MISSIONS MOMENT

FPO supports Michael Alsup, serving at Auburn University with Reformed University Fellowship International. The goal of RUF International is to welcome people from all nations and reflect God's grace to an international audience. They seek to encourage these students with the hope of the Gospel and equip kingdom ambassadors for the church worldwide. Mike is married to Kelly and they have a grown daughter, Katherine. <https://ruf.org>

SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational Reading

As a way to begin 2025, we are inviting everyone at FPO to read the Gospel of Mark together as we preach through it from January-Easter. We will be reading one chapter each week, following this schedule:

Week of Jan. 1st-5th: Mark 1	Week of Feb. 24th-Mar. 2nd: Mark 9
Week of Jan. 6th-12th: Mark 2	Week of Mar. 3rd-9th: Mark 10
Week of Jan. 13th-19th: Mark 3	Week of Mar. 10th-16th: Mark 12
Week of Jan. 20th-26th: Mark 4	Week of Mar. 17th-23rd: Mark 13
Week of Jan. 27th-Feb. 2nd: Mark 5	Week of Mar. 24th-30th: Mark 14
Week of Feb. 3rd-9th: Mark 6	Week of Mar. 31st-Apr. 6th: Mark 15
Week of Feb. 10th-16th: Mark 7	Week of Apr. 7th-13th: Mark 11
Week of Feb. 17th-23rd: Mark 8	Week of Apr. 14th-20th: Mark 16

College Lunch TODAY

All college students are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service for a free lunch!

Women's Bible Studies

Daytime Study:

We invite the women of FPO to a bible study on the book of Esther. The study will take place on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, beginning February 5th and ending May 7th.

The study will meet from 9:30-11:00am at 2280 Heritage Ridge Lane in Auburn. For more information, contact Jan Rice at (251) 294-2002 or janrice100@gmail.com.

Evening Study:

Andrew asked this question a few weeks ago in a sermon: What do you actually believe the Lord thinks about you? If we're honest, though many of us believe intellectually that God is pleased with us, we often struggle to understand and feel God's great unconditional love because of the ugliness of our sin. There's no greater book in the Bible to study than Hosea if this is the case for you.

Women in every season of life are invited to join us for the study of Hosea, in which we will examine God's great unconditional love for his people.

We will meet Thursdays, from 7-9pm, beginning February 13th at Claire Leuenberger's house.

Please scan the QR code to sign up.



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.



February 2, 2025