

CALL TO WORSHIP*		Advent Week 4	SCRIPTURE READING		1 Samuel 2:2–3	CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER ending in THE LORD’S PRAYER	
Zephaniah 3:17-18			[2] “There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. [3] Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. (ESV)			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.	
Romans 5:5-8			CONFESSIO			MESSAGE	
God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.			Psalm 51:1-4, 9-13			BATHSHEBA	
John 15:13			[1] Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. [2] Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! [3] For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. [4] Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. [9] Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. [10] Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. [11] Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. {12} Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. [13] Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.			2 SAMUEL 11:1-5, 12:24-25 1 KINGS 1:11-21	
No one has greater love than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.			PRIVATE CONFESSION			PAGE 262 PAGE 279	
PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION			PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL		2 Corinthians 5:21	Rev. Andrew Keasling	
Go Tell It On The Mountain*			[21] For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (ESV)				
John W. Work			Silent Night*		Offertory Hymn		
While shepherds kept their watching, over silent flocks by night Behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light			Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin Mother and Child, Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.			O Holy Night*	
Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born			Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia. Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.			Adolphe Charles Adam, Placide Cappeau, and John S. Dwight	
The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth Rang out the angels chorus, that hailed the Savior’s birth			Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light, Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.			O holy night the stars are brightly shining It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth Long lay the world in sin and error pining Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth A thrill of hope; the weary world rejoices For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn Fall on your knees; oh hear the angel voices O night divine; O night when Christ was born O night divine; O night; O night divine	
Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born And God sent us salvation, that blessed Christmas morn			DOXOLOGY*			Truly He taught us to love one another His law is love and His gospel is peace Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother And in His name all oppression shall cease Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we Let all within us; praise His holy name Christ is the Lord; Oh praise His name forever His power and glory evermore proclaim His power and glory evermore proclaim	
Once Upon*			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!			CHURCH LIFE UPDATES	
Lacy Hudson and Nathan Stiff						BENEDICTION	
Once upon a midnight clear Heaven’s song broke through the air Peace and goodwill toward men Born now in Bethlehem							
Once upon a bed of straw Slept the Sovereign Son of God Lord of the universe Breathing the dust of earth							
Wonderful Counselor Mighty God our Messiah Name above every name gloria (in the highest)							
Once upon a splintered cross Jesus died to rescue us All of our shame and sin Nailed to the tree with Him							
Once upon a brilliant day Christ the Conqueror was raised Heaven and nature sing Praise to the King of kings							

* 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.



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.

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.

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 Lim Sibanda, Serving in Zimbabwe with Young Life Africa. Young Life Africa introduces teenagers to Jesus Christ and helps them grow in their faith. They work on a continent of young people - 75% of the population of sub-Sahara Africa is under the age of 25. When leaders share Jesus with kids, hearts change, lives change, and communities change. Lim is married to Amanda and they have 2 children.

SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational Meetings - December 21st

The Session calls a Congregational Meeting on Sunday December 21st after the worship service in order to: a) Elect those elders who will serve on the Session beginning in January 2026 and b) Elect the Trustees for the FPO.

Christmas Eve Service - 12.24.25 @ 5pm

Join us for a special family friendly service where we will worship and read scripture together in celebration of our Savior’s birth!

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.

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.



Year-End Contributions - Ways to Give

- Simple & Safe Year-End Giving through REALM
- Text “FPO” to 73256. Click the link & complete your gift
- Offering plates are passed during worship
- Mail your check to 900 2nd Avenue Opelika 36801
(Mailed checks should be postmarked no later than Dec. 31st to be tax deductible for 2025)
- Swing by and place the check in our locked mailbox yourself
(on 9th Street, next to the Chapel)
- If you prefer to deliver a check in person, we will have staff at the church to collect checks from 9am to noon on the following dates: 12/22, 12/23, 12/26, 12/29, 12/30, & 12/31.



December 21, 2025