

WELCOME!

We are so glad that you chose to worship with us today! If you are visiting, 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 visitor form. We know there are many wonderful churches in Auburn-Opelika and we hope that you always feel welcome here!

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 118:1, 4-5

*[1] Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
[4] Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” [5] Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. (ESV)*

PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

*Satisfied**

Clara T. Williams and Karl Digerness

All my life long, I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within

Poor I was and, I sought for riches
Something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered ‘round me
Only mocked my soul’s sad cry

*Hallelujah, He has found me
The One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings
Through his blood I now am saved*

Well of water, ever-springing
Bread of life so rich and free
Untold wealth that, that never faileth
My Redeemer is to me

Feeding on the filth around me
‘til my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better
Only still to hunger on

*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

Jeremy Casella

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore
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Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield
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When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of deaths, and hell’s destruction
Land me safe on Canaan’s side
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee
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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 12:38-42

[38] Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” [39] But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. [40] For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. [41] The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. [42] The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.” (ESV)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, we come to you recognizing that we have paid regard to vain idols. We have loved the gifts that you have given us more than you, the Giver. We have loved things you have created more than we have loved you, our Creator. And therefore, we have forsaken your steadfast love. Please forgive us and please reorder our loves so that we might worship and love you rightly, because we know that this is what is best for us.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Titus 3:3-7

[3] For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. [4] But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, [5] he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, [6] whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7] so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (ESV)

*My Jesus I Love Thee**

William R. Featherston and Adoniram Judson Gordon

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now

I’ll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath
And say, when the death dew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I’ll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now

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!

PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE

SALVATION BELONGS TO THE LORD

JONAH 1:17-2:10
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Rev. James Heard

*O Praise The Name (Anástasis)**

Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson, and Benjamin Hastings

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph’s tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus’ face

CHURCH LIFE UPDATES

BENEDICTION

** Please stand if able*

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Sunday Schedule:

Worship @ 10:30am

Connect @ 9:15am

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

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)

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

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CHURCH LIFE

FPO MISSIONS MOMENT

FPO supports The Way 2 Serve. The purpose of The Way 2 Serve Ministries is to share the love of Jesus in practical ways through home repair projects that lead to forming and building relationships with those they help. The ministry is based in Opelika and is headed up by Shane Kyles. <https://theway2serve.org>

SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING EVENTS

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, 5.2.24

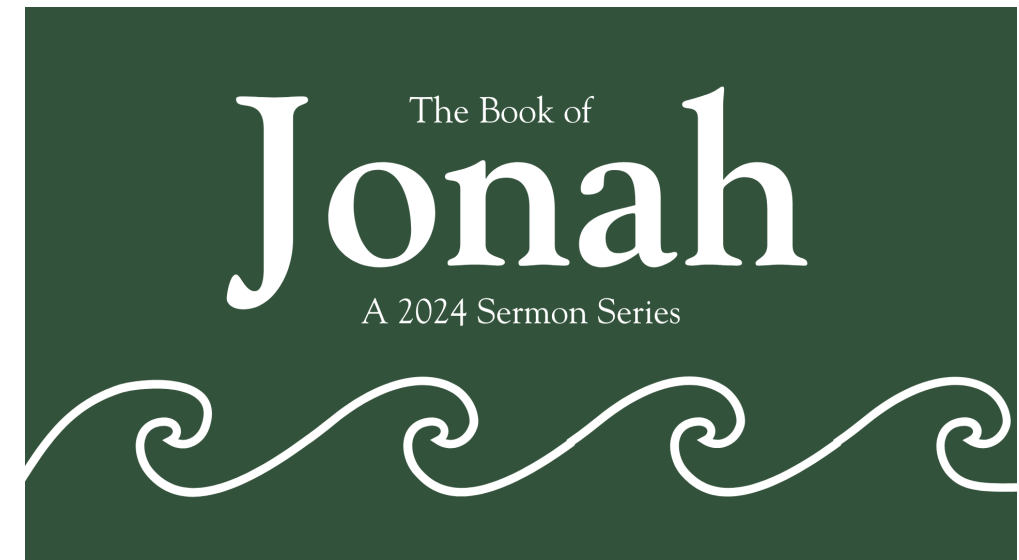
This Thursday is the 73rd Annual National Day of Prayer, a non-denominational prayer and praise gathering. This event will take place at 12PM in the Lee County Courthouse Square. If you are unable to attend in person, the gathering will also be broadcasted live on Halleluiah 1520 AM and Praise 88.7 FM. In the event of rain, the gathering will be held in the chapel of First Baptist Church on 8th Street. All are welcome to attend.

DISCOVER FPO - Sunday 5.19.24 from 4-7pm

Are you ready to take steps toward membership at FPO? Curious about the EPC? Register for our next Discover class. Supper will be provided. Childcare by request. Sign up sheet in narthex, OR scan to register:



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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