

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 90:1-4

[1] Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. [2] Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. [3] You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" [4] For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. (ESV)

PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

*What Wondrous Love Is This**

Alexander Means

What wondrous love is this? O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this? O my soul
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme, I will sing

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity, I'll sing on

*House Of God Forever**

Jon Foreman

God is my shepherd I won't be wanting I won't be wanting He makes me rest in fields of green With quiet streams Even though I walk through the valley Of death and dying I will not fear 'cause You are with me You are with me	God is my shepherd I won't be wanting I won't be wanting He makes me rest in fields of green By quiet streams Even while I'm walking through the valley Of death and dying I will not fear 'cause You are with me You're always with me
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*Your shepherd's staff comforts me
You are my feast in the presence of enemies
Surely goodness will follow me
Follow me
In the house of God forever
In the house of God forever
In the house of God forever*

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 11:33-36

[33] Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! [34] "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" [35] "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" [36] For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (ESV)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, forgive us for how we have believed that we know better than you what is best for us. Please forgive us for thinking that we could ever put you in our debt by doing something for you or by giving something to you. Please help us remember that you have ultimately done what is best for us in the sacrifice of your Son and that, in Him, you have given us the ultimate gift. Help us, even this morning, to experience the goodness of your wisdom and grace in Jesus.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Colossians 2:3, 11-14

[3] in [Jesus] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. [11] In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, [12] having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. [13] And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, [14] by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. (ESV)

*Psalm 130**

Martin Luther and Christopher Miner

From depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation
Lord turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication
If Thou iniquities dost mark
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark
O who shall stand before Thee

To wash away the crimson stain
Grace grace alone availeth
Our works alas are all in vain
In much the best life faileth
No man can glory in Thy sight
All must alike confess Thy might
And live alone by mercy

Therefore my trust is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit
On Him my soul shall rest His word
Upholds my fainting spirit
His promised mercy is my fort
My comfort and my sweet support
I wait for it with patience

What though I wait the live-long night
And till the dawn appeareth
My heart still trusteth in His might
It doubteth not nor feareth
Do thus O ye of Israel's seed
Ye of the Spirit born indeed
And wait till God appeareth

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth
His helping love no limit knows
Our utmost need it soundeth
Our shepherd good and true is He
Who will at last His Israel free
From all our sin and sorrow

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!

PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH?

Rev. Andrew Keasling

JOB 38:1-12; 40:1-14

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*It Is Well With My Soul**

Philip Paul Bliss and Horatio G. Spafford

When peace like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrow like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well; it is well with my soul

*It is well
With my soul
It is well; it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded, my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul

My Sin, O the bliss, of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

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.

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 with Reformed university Fellowship International at Auburn University. 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

Realm Assistance Today!

If you have NOT already updated your picture and contact information in Realm, please come see the FPO staff in the sanctuary narthex on your way out today.

We will be passing out instructions for those who are comfortable updating their own information, and will be able to assist and answer questions for those who aren't. We use Realm as a church directory and for all communications, so please help us make sure we have your current information!

Fellowship Lunch for College Students Today!

College students are invited to a free fellowship lunch immediately following the worship service today. We would love to feed you as you fellowship with each other, and as we get to know you better as part of our FPO family! Meet in the Fellowship Hall!

Men's Work Day - 10.5.24 @ 8am

The diaconate is seeking assistance from any men who are willing and able to help with an upcoming workday on Saturday, October 5th.

The work day will include a property cleanup for our neighbor, Linda Day, as well as various needs on FPO's campus.

If you are able to attend, please bring any and all lawn equipment that you can. Long sleeves, pants, and work gloves are strongly recommended.

Stories & Salads - 10.9.24 @ 6:30pm

The women of FPO are invited to attend Stories & Salads, a night to share in a meal and fellowship with other women. Guests are welcome!

The event will be held at the home of Dorenda White.

Sign up to bring a dish using the link sent out in Realm. Contact caroline@firstpresopelika.org if you need assistance.

Fall Celebration- Sunday 10.27.24 @ 4pm

Join us for food, music, and fun!

Last names A-L, bring a side dish; M-Z, bring a dessert.

Signup coming soon for those able to provide chili! Keep an eye out in your email!



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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