

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Leader: God’s Son, Jesus Christ, died on Calvary’s Cross for our sins.

*All: He was crucified, dead, and buried.*

Leader: On the first day of the week after his crucifixion, his disciples went to the tomb to honor his memory.

*All: What they discovered amazed them!*

Leader: An angel appeared to them at his empty tomb

*All: And made an announcement that changed the world forever.*

Leader: Christ is risen!

*All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today\*

Charles Wesley

Christ the Lord is ris’n today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids his rise, Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Is He Worthy\*

Ben Shive and Andrew Peterson

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.  
But do you know that all the dark won’t stop the light from getting through? We do.  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.  
Is a new creation coming? It is.  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David’s Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy of this? He is.*

Does the Father truly love us? He does.  
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.  
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? He does.  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

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The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David’s Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
From ev’ry people and tribe every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy of this? He is*

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

PRAYER & EASTER LITANY

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the heavens and the earth rejoice in Your mighty resurrection from the dead.

*All: We praise You, Lord Jesus.*

Leader: By Your resurrection You defeated all the evil principalities and powers and set us free from their domination.

*All: We thank You, Lord Jesus.*

Leader: By Your resurrection You put to flight our fear and gloom and filled us with joy and peace.

*All: We thank You, Lord Jesus!*

Leader: By Your resurrection You defeated the power of death and secured the day when we shall be like You, in resurrected bodies, rejoicing before Your throne of grace.

*All: We adore You, Lord Jesus.*

Leader: By Your resurrection You have forever established Your glorious throne, and now rightly bear the title King of Kings and Lord of Lords;

*All: Therefore, we laud and magnify Your excellent name and forever proclaim Your glory. Amen.*

*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.*

King Of Kings\*

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty*

*Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

Offertory Hymn

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who’d come  
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

MESSAGE

HE IS NOT HERE

Rev. Andrew Keasling

MARK 16:1-8  
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Christ Is Mine Forevermore\*

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore*

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

*Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore*

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 @ 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jonathan@firstpresopelika.org)

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CHURCH LIFE

FPO MISSIONS MOMENT

FPO supports David Daniel, who is serving with Christian Medical Ministry as the coordinator for CMDA Auburn. They are reaching medical students for Christ at VCOM medical school. The ministry’s strategy is discipling new generations of doctors to be healers in Jesus’ name to bring the healing power of the gospel to the world. David is married to Brooke and they have three children.  
<https://www.cmmsa.org/auburn>

SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Officer Recommendations

One of the important parts of Presbyterian government is the ability to recommend and elect the officers who represent you. During the month of April, we are asking you as members to prayerfully consider those in our church who could serve as an Elder or a Deacon and who currently isn’t already one. A complete list of the officers can be found at <https://www.firstpresopelika.org/elders-deacons>. Please fill out the cards and put them in the boxes as you exit.

Men’s Breakfast - Thursday, 4.24.25 @ 6:30am

Meet in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7:30AM.  
This is a time for men to get to know each other, hear testimonies, grow in wisdom, and pray together.  
Invite your friends and enjoy breakfast and great conversation!  
RSVP to [brad7smith@gmail.com](mailto:brad7smith@gmail.com) if you are able to join.

Men’s Paintball Event - Saturday, 4.26.25 @ 12:30pm

Men are invited to do paintball on Saturday, April 26th at Splat City Paintball in LaGrange. We will depart from the church as a group at 12:30pm.

Thank You Daniel Wells and Family!

FPO has been so blessed by having Daniel lead our worship over the last 9 years. His heart and skills have been used by the Lord mightily. As he leaves this role we want to be able to say thank you to him (and to his family that has made so many sacrifices to allow him to lead). After the worship service on April 27th, we will have an opportunity to stop by and tell the Wells how thankful for you are for them on the Fellowship Hall steps. Please plan to be there.

BBQ Fest - Sunday, 4.27.25 @ 4:00pm

Please join us for FPO’s 6th Annual BBQ Fest!  
This year, we will have a competition in four different categories with prizes and bragging rights! The categories are: ribs, pulled pork, brisket, and sauce.  
If you are not competing, we ask that members with last names starting with A-J bring a **dessert** and members with last names starting with K-Z bring a **side**.  
As always, this will be a fun time of fellowship with activities for the kids!  
Bring your own chairs and blankets.  
Sign up to compete using the QR code below:



Discover FPO - Friday 5.2.25 & Saturday 5.3.25

A two-session class for folks interested in learning more about FPO and the EPC and the first step in a consideration of church membership at FPO.  
Meals will be provided at both sessions (dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday).  
Use the QR code below to register:



College Lunch & Study Days

We will have FREE College lunch on Sunday, May 4th, after church and then have the church open until 4:30pm for you to use to study. The church will also be open May 5th and 6th from 11am-5pm with snacks and drinks for you to study.



Easter Sunday



April 20, 2025