

Prelude

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope*

CALL TO WORSHIP*

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

People: 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

People: What they discovered amazed them!

Leader: An angel appeared to them at his empty tomb

People: 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!

Living Hope

Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory

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*

PRAYER AND EASTER LITANY

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

People: We praise You, Lord Jesus.

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

People: We thank You, Lord Jesus.

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

People: 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.

People: We adore You, Lord Jesus.

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

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

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

Offertory Hymn

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

MESSAGE

THEY WERE PERPLEXED

Rev. Andrew Keasling

LUKE 24:1-12
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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

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 @ 8:15am & 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.

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 Jeff and Veronique Kim, currently serving in France with Teach Beyond. Their mission is equipping Christian leaders to impact churches and schools across France, Congo, and Mayotte through teaching, training, and coaching. The Kims have three children.

SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING EVENTS

FPO Spring Party - Sunday, 4.19.26 4-7pm

Please join us for our annual Spring Party on Sunday 4/19 from 4-7pm.

We will provide BBQ and are excited to announce our first ever Spring Bake-Off competition! Use the QR code below to view the categories and sign up! We will have a fun prize for the winner of each category, plus an overall winner and a "Feast for the Eyes" winner for the best looking dessert across the categories.

For those not participating in the bake-off, please bring a side item.



You can always find our upcoming events on our website at www.firstpresopelika.org/events & www.firstpresopelika.org/this-month



Easter Sunday



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