

## 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 103:1-3*

*[1] Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! [2] Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, [3] who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases (ESV)*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

### *On Jordan's Stormy Banks\**

*Christopher Miner and Samuel Stennett*

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possession's lie

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day  
There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away

*I am bound, I am bound  
I am bound for the Promised Land  
I am bound, I am bound  
I am bound for the Promised Land*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed  
When shall I see my Father's face and in His bosom rest

### *Be Thou My Vision\**

*Mary Elizabeth Byrne and Eleanor Henrietta Hull*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All

## SCRIPTURE READING

*1 Timothy 2:5-6*

*[5] For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, [6] who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. (ESV)*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Father, please forgive us for thinking too highly of ourselves and thinking that we can buy our redemption and forgiveness with our merits and good works. Please help us to repent of our attempts to justify ourselves, and please help us rest in your blood-bought pardon and in your grace which alone can justify us through your Son.*

## PRIVATE CONFESSION

### PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

*Ephesians 1:7*

*[7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace (ESV)*

### *How Great Thou Art\**

*Stuart Wesley Keene Hine*

O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made  
I see the stars  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thru'out  
The universe displayed

*Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art*

And when I think  
That God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die  
I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
My God how great Thou art

## 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!

*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.*

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER ending in THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

## MESSAGE

### RESPONSES TO JESUS

*Rev. Andrew Keasling*

**MARK 2:1-12**  
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### *Thy Mercy\**

*Sandra McCracken, John Stocker, and Isaac Watts*

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last  
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy, I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair  
But through Thy free goodness, my spirit's revived  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own  
In the covenant love of Thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

## 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.

### 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 Tanner Crum, serving with Reformed University Fellowship at Auburn University. RUF is a campus ministry that reaches college students from all backgrounds with the hope of Jesus Christ. Tanner and his wife Kelsey live in Auburn and have two children. FPO also supports several short term staff on different college campuses. <https://ruf.org>

### SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Ready To Worship - Begins TODAY

(please register your child in the back of the sanctuary prior to the service)

One of the main purposes of the church is to pass down the faith to the next generation.

One way we seek to accomplish this at FPO is with Ready to Worship.

Ready to Worship exists to come alongside parents as they seek to help their Kindergarten through 2nd grade children be full worship participants. They will learn about the parts of the service and how they are able to engage in each of them.

Ready to Worship will meet in the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month.

We are looking for donations of Legos or building blocks which can be dropped off at the Children's Ministry building.

#### Congregational Reading

As a way to begin 2025, we are inviting everyone at FPO to read the Gospel of Mark together as we preach through it from January-Easter.

We will be reading one chapter each week, following this schedule:

Week of Jan. 1st-5th: Mark 1	Week of Feb. 24th-Mar. 2nd: Mark 9
Week of Jan. 6th-12th: Mark 2	Week of Mar. 3rd-9th: Mark 10
Week of Jan. 13th-19th: Mark 3	Week of Mar. 10th-16th: Mark 12
Week of Jan. 20th-26th: Mark 4	Week of Mar. 17th-23rd: Mark 13
Week of Jan. 27th-Feb. 2nd: Mark 5	Week of Mar. 24th-30th: Mark 14
Week of Feb. 3rd-9th: Mark 6	Week of Mar. 31st-Apr. 6th: Mark 15
Week of Feb. 10th-16th: Mark 7	Week of Apr. 7th-13th: Mark 11
Week of Feb. 17th-23rd: Mark 8	Week of Apr. 14th-20th: Mark 16

#### Discover FPO - Friday 1.31.25 & Saturday 2.1.25

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).

Please note that parents are asked to make their own childcare arrangements for the Friday night session, but childcare will be provided in the FPOkids building by request for the Saturday morning session.



#### Meetings with Andrew

As Andrew continues to grow in relationship with the congregation of FPO, he would love to meet with anyone who is interested one-on-one. If this is not something that interests you, no pressure! But if you would like to meet with him and spend an hour sharing your story and getting to know him better, please use the QR code to sign up!



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