

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 116:1, 8*

*[1] I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy...[8] For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. (ESV)*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

### *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.

*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*

*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*

### *By Thy Mercy\**

*Indelible Grace*

Jesus, Lord of life and glory; Bend from heaven thy gracious ear  
While our waiting souls adore thee; Friend of helpless sinners, hear

From the depth of nature's blindness; from the hardening power of sin  
From all malice and unkindness; from the pride that lurks within

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord*

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord*

When temptation sorely presses; in the day of Satan's power  
In our times of deep distresses; in each dark and trying hour

When the world around is smiling; in the time of wealth and ease  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling; in the day of health and peace

In the weary hours of sickness; in the times of grief and pain  
When we feel our mortal weakness; when all human help is vain

In the solemn hour of dying; in the awful judgment day  
May our souls, on Thee relying; find Thee still our Rock and Stay

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Isaiah 29:9-10, 13*

*[9] Astonish yourselves and be astonished; blind yourselves and be blind! Be drunk, but not with wine; stagger, but not with strong drink! [10] For the Lord has poured out upon you a spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes (the prophets), and covered your heads (the seers). [13] And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men (ESV)*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Father, we come before you confessing our sin and asking for your mercy. Save us, O God, from the blindness, which is not even aware that it is sinning; From the pride, which cannot admit that it is wrong; From the self-will, which can see nothing but its own way; From the self-righteousness, which can see no flaw within itself; From the callousness, which has sinned so often that it has ceased to care; From the defiance, which is not even sorry for its sins; From the evasion, which always puts the blame on someone or something else; From the heart so hardened, that it cannot repent.*

*Give us at all times, eyes which are open to our faults; A conscience which is sensitive and quick to warn; A heart that cannot sin in peace, but is moved to regret and remorse. So grant that being truly penitent we may be truly forgiven, so that we may find that your love is great enough to cover all of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## PRIVATE CONFESSION

### PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

*Ephesians 2:4-6*

*[4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— [6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus (ESV)*

### *Man Of Sorrows\**

*Matt Crocker and Brooke Ligertwood*

Man of sorrows Lamb of God

By His own betrayed

The sin of man and wrath of God

Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused

Beaten mocked and scorned

Bowing to the Father's will

He took a crown of thorns

*Oh that rugged cross my salvation*

*Where Your love poured out over me*

*Now my soul cries out hallelujah*

*Praise and honor unto Thee*

Sent of heaven, God's own Son

To purchase and redeem

And reconcile the very ones

Who nailed Him to that tree

*Now my debt is paid*

*It is paid in full*

*By the precious blood*

*That my Jesus spilled*

*Now the curse of sin*

*Has no hold on me*

*Whom the Son sets free*

*Oh is free indeed*

See the stone is rolled away

Behold the empty tomb

Hallelujah God be praised

He's risen from the grave

## 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!

## 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

## MESSAGE

### THE PRAYER OF JESUS

*Rev. Andrew Keasling*

**MARK 14:32-42**

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### *He Will Hold Me Fast\**

*Keith and Kristyn Getty*

When I fear my faith will fail

Christ will hold me fast

When the tempter would prevail

He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold

Through life's fearful path

For my love is often cold

He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast*

*He will hold me fast*

*For my Saviour loves me so*

*He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight

Christ will hold me fast

Precious in His holy sight

He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost

His promises shall last

Bought by Him at such a cost

He will hold me fast

## CHURCH LIFE UPDATES

## 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.



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**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> (Rain Date 4.13 at 4PM)	4.12   10AM
<b>Palm Sunday Worship Service*</b> (Baptisms & New Member Vows)	4.13   10:30AM
<b>Maundy Thursday Worship Service*</b>	4.17   6:30PM
<b>Good Friday Worship Service</b>	4.18   12PM
<b>Easter Sunday Worship Services*</b>	4.20   9AM & 10:30AM

\*nursery care available for ages 3mo - 4 years  
For the Egg Hunt, please bring two dozen eggs per participating child

Nursery care for the Maundy Thursday service is by registration only. Please use this QR code to register:



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**CHURCH LIFE**

**FPO MISSIONS MOMENT**

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**SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Stories & Salads - Wednesday, 4.2.25 @ 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 Bridget Sager, and MJ Keasling will be sharing her story. Use the QR code below to signup to bring food:



**Easter Services - Invite Someone!**

We will hold two Easter Sunday worship services this year to accommodate more guests. Services will be at 9:00am and 10:30am (there will be no Equip Hour). Please invite someone to worship with us! Neighbors, new acquaintances, friends, coworkers, family...everyone is welcome!

**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:



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