

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)
AUGUST 4, 2019

PRELUDE *Chorale* Pachelbel
 Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Martin Lifer

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir, Dr. Craig Aarhus Dir.)

CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST'S NAME

***Responsive Reading** from 1 Peter 1:15-16 Reid Roberson
 Minister: But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written,
ALL: "You shall be holy, for I am holy!"

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION & PRAISE**

***HYMN 68** *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

GOD'S WORD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** – from The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 21 Joe Nasvytis
ALL (Unison): It is the law of our natural, earthly life that some portion of time be set aside for the worship of God. In his Word, God has similarly commanded all men in every age to keep one day in seven holy unto Him as a Sabbath. From the beginning of the world up to the resurrection of Christ, this Sabbath was the last day of the week. Since the resurrection of Christ, the Sabbath has been changed to the first day of the week, called "the Lord's Day" in Scripture, and it has been continued until the end of the earth as the Christian Sabbath.

***HYMN 305** *You Are My King (Amazing Love)* YOU ARE MY KING

ANTHEM (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION & INTERCESSION Joe Nasvytis

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive 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.

GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S MERCY

***HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING: GOD'S TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* arr. Schrader
 Jennifer Blackburn

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Martin Lifer

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Visiting with Us?

We warmly welcome you to our worship of God this Lord's Day. Please complete a FIRSTConnect Card and place it in the Offering ... or in a FIRSTConnect Box in the entranceways.



If you would like to learn more about growing in faith in Jesus Christ, about church membership and/or about ways you can learn and serve at FPC – then please speak to Pastor Lifer following the service, or call him this week at the church office. You may also send a message to him via email (mwlfifer3@gmail.com).

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 27:17; Mark 1:16-18; Luke 10:38-42; 1 Timothy 4:12-13
 (ESV Pew Bible p. 548, 836, 869, 992)

SUMMER SERMON SERIES *Be Free Indeed: Free in Deed!*

TODAY'S SERMON **Free to Mentor (Part 2)** Martin Lifer

INVITATION TO TRUST AND FOLLOW JESUS

CALLED, BLESSED AND SENT AS WITNESSES OF GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 560** *Oh, How I Love Jesus* OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS

***COMMISSION AND BEDICTION** Martin Lifer

***POSTLUDE** *Postlude* J.S. Bach
 Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Having trouble hearing the service? We have portable units that are connected directly to our sound system for optimum audio. Please see an usher about these devices!

Deacon of the Month: Jeremy Murdock
Today's Ushers: (8:30) – Bill Crumpton (11:00) – Billy Harrington, Loren Zimmerman
Today's Greeters: (8:30) – Janice Kinard (11:00) – Brenda Harrington, Janice Kinard

LADIES,
Join us for the annual
First Presbyterian Church (EPC)
Women's Ministry Luncheon and Meeting
THIS SATURDAY, August 10,
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



Meet the new Women's Ministry Coordinating Team for the Ministry Year (2019-2020), as the members are introduced and installed into office, and hear Pastor Martin Lifer's **message of appreciation and inspiration from God's Word** to us – highlighting God's plans and blessings for the women of Christ's Church.

R.S.V.P. to Janice Kinard – either by telephone message via the church office phone or by email message to janicekinard11@gmail.com.

Back-to-School Fellowship for VIP's (Senior Adults) and Children on Wednesday Evening, August 28 (5:30-7:00 p.m.)



Game Night for ALL children and youth of the church and the VIP's
Wednesday Night, August 28th, 5:30-7 p.m. in FPC's Fellowship Hall.
We will have pizza and games, a fun time for inter-generational fellowship!!
 Please call Amy Aarhus if you have questions.

TODAY'S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

As _____ sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17 [NIV]

Scripture directs us into faith-based friendships **AND** _____-protégé _____.

"Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." Mark 1:17

Becoming Disciples/ Being Sanctified

"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own." Philippians 3:12

We are elect/saved once & completely in Christ, *but discipleship & sanctification* are:

Following Jesus, growing in holiness ⇔ **close relationship with Him AND His own.**

Costly to Mentor:

Free to Mentor:

_____ mentored.

The _____ and other NT _____ mentored.

Learn from the Treasury of Paul's Mentoring of Timothy
 (Paul refers to Timothy as my "child/son," "brother," "co-worker"):

Mentor with Gracious Authority, Humility, Wisdom.

Receiving and Giving.

Be realistic & faithful with our brief time.

My mentors in Christ?

Those whom I will mentor in Christ?

Week of August 4, 2019

SUNDAY:	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
MONDAY:	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (120 Jackson St.)
TUESDAY:	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
THURSDAY:	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
SATURDAY:	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (120 Jackson St.)

CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK
August 6 – Loren Zimmerman August 8 – Ross Collins

Prayer List

Charles and Roxene Atkinson
Joe and Carol Mobley
Levette and Peggy Johnson
Marjorie Malone
Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
Philip and Darinda Gruchy
Sean and Morgan Clark Schnurr & Family
Charlie Guest
Bruce Leopold; Danielle Gregory (friend of Bruce Leopold)
Paula Elliott
Sylvia Love
Bill Gamel
Ross Collins
Billy and Brenda Harrington
Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
Scott Guest (Charlie and Rubye's son)
Teresa Miller (Amy Harrison's mom)
Emily Chancellor (Natalie Morgan's Niece)
Carl Ivey, Sr. (Dukedom, Kentucky); Michael Belcher (Friend of the Iveys)
Bob and Dot Forbus, and Raleigh Wood (brother, sister-in-law, and friend of Jack Forbus)
Thomas Guest (grandson of Charlie & Rubye Guest).
Gerlene Lifer
Leslie Drane, Frances Ellis (Ellen Mauldin's brother and sister)
Bobby Fleming (brother of Gloria Cade)
Diane Daniels, her sister, Delores Irvin, Sarah Helen McCloskey and Craig D. Campbell (family friends of Bob & Diane Daniels)
John Gassaway and Michael Tubb (Anna Ray Gassaway's brother-in-law and nephew)
David Henderson, Cheryl Kay Linder (Beth Ann Dunlap's stepbrother & sister)
Frances Knoll Waltman and Cissy Knoll Thomas (Libby Gill's sister and mother)
Dylan Walker (Jean Alice McDavid's great-nephew)

Additional Prayer List for Health Care / Assisted Living

Bessie Montgomery – Montgomery Gardens
Cattie Taylor – Beehive, Starkville
Jane Lusk – The Claiborne
Jetta Kuykendall – The Grove, Columbia
Frances Oakley – Sunnybrook Estates, Madison
Marie Tramel – Plain View, Richland
Maxine Eastland – Franklin, TN
Elizabeth Duffey – Presbyterian Village, GA
Jewel Jacobs (Cindy Walker's mother) – Montgomery Garden
Lu Graham (Jane Zitta's sister) – The Hermitage, Richmond, Virginia
Mary Jo Wallace – The Blake at Flowood
Carolyn Wofford—Heritage At Irene Wood, Memphis, Tennessee

Thank you note from the Mobleys

Joe and I want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during the last few weeks. We especially want to thank Peggy Branch and Rita for organizing our lunch every day for two weeks. It was a real blessing since I was just not able to even think about cooking. The food was delicious and we appreciated the visits. Thankfully the Dr. was able to put my heart back in rhythm last Thursday, the 18th. I am feeling good again and am able to do what I need to do again.

With our thanks and love to everyone,
Love in Christ,
Joe and Carol

FPC Officers

Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Will Martin, Clerk of Session
Elders Emeriti: James (Jim) Long and Dero Ramsey

Elders Serving on Our Session

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Dolph Bryan	Carl Ivey	Wallace Cade
Harold Clark	Jim Beaty	Jack Forbus
Cecelia Cook	Peggy Johnson	Will Martin
Bob Daniels	Jeff Foster	Cal Rackley
Orly Hardin		
Edward Kemp		

Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Peggy Branch	Johnny Fair	Glenda Clark
Vivian Cade	Tabor Mullen	Jack Cook
Joel Downey	Jeremy Murdock	Peyton Fandel
Jason Ryder	Kristen Skinner	Robby Holditch

FPC Starkville (EPC) Women's Ministry

Janice Kinard, Moderator

JOIN US During TODAY'S GATHERING TIME FOR A DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER ON BEHALF OF THE SIMMONS FAMILY (10:40 a. m., Fellowship Hall)



Lane and Emily Simmons are expecting the birth of their son and third child, **Harrison Lane Simmons**, this summer, and our Women's Ministry and Church Family are hosting a Diapers & Wipes Shower during our Fellowship Gathering Time **Today**.

Please note these additional Women's Ministry dates:

Women's Ministry Coordinating Team, **TODAY**, noon, Fellowship Hall, lunch provided

Women's Ministry Annual Luncheon and meeting for all circle members, **Saturday, August 10**, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Fall Thursday Afternoon Women's Bible Study -

One in a Million: Journey to Your Promised Land by Priscilla Shirer

Priscilla's words summarize the focus of the study : "... Promised land living does not mean a life with no problems. It means experiencing God's power and presence in spite of difficulty."

This seven-session study will begin on August 29,

meeting each Thursday 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

To register and order a workbook (\$15), please contact Peggy Johnson.

Women's Retreat (August 23-24)

Calling all women of the church!! Mark your calendars for our **Women's Retreat, August 23 and 24**. Come fellowship with other women, listen to a speaker teach the Gospel, and grow in faith!
Questions? Contact Ashleigh Murdock

FPC Starkville (EPC) Men's Ministry

Will Rackley, *President*, Charlie Weatherly, *Treasurer*



Starkville's Church
That Preaches the *Doctrines of Grace*
and
That is Part of the EPC –
A Global Movement of Evangelical Christians.



"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36

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Sunday School | 9:45 – 10:20 a.m.

Morning Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall) | 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.

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