

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

JANUARY 14, 2018

**PRELUDE** (8:30 – Michele Rackley; 11:00 – Marquita Beaty)

### WELCOME

**INTROIT** (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Revelation 4:11*

Pastor: You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory, honor, and Power –

**ALL: For You created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.**

**\*INVOCATION AND PRAISE**

**\*HYMN 1** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

**CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)**  
**Bailey, foster daughter of Jay and Margaret Cook**

**JAY AND MARGARET'S PROFESSIONS OF FAITH & COVENANT COMMITMENTS**

**\*THE CONGREGATION'S COVENANTAL COMMITMENTS & AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH**

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(Unison)* Elder-Sponsor Harold Clark  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION** *adapted from the Liturgy of the French Reformed Church*  
Bailey – For you, Jesus Christ came into the world. For you, He went through the agony of Gethsemane and the darkness of Calvary; for you, He triumphed over death; for you, little child, even though you did not know it. But this is what we believe: "We love God, because He *first* loved us." So welcome to the family of faith!

### BAPTISM AND BLESSING

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIVE SONG** *(Unison)*

Child of promise, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too. We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. Child of promise, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too.

**ANTHEM** (11:00 –Chancel Choir)

**PRAYER WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** (11:00 - Ashleigh Murdock)

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION AND INTERCESSION**

**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.

**SILENT PRAYERS**

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

**\*GIVING TO GOD: TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**OFFERTORY** (8:30 – Michele Rackley; 11:00 – Marquita Beaty)  
(11:00 - Marquita Beaty) *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. A. Page

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 18:15-17**  
(ESV Pew Bible p. 877)

**Sermon**

***Belong***

Martin Lifer

**INVITATION TO FAITH AND PRAYERS OF TRUST IN GOD'S GRACE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 652** *Jesus Loves Me* CHINA

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

**POSTLUDE** (8:30 – Michele Rackley; 11:00 Marquita Beaty)

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**Deacon of the Month:** Joel Downey

**Today's Ushers:** 8:30 – Charlie Weatherly; 11:00 – Wallace Cade

**Today's Greeters:** 8:30 – Bill Crumpton; 11:00 – Gloria Cade

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the **Glory of God** by Jack and Cecelia Cook and Hoot and Anne Wilder in celebration Bailey's baptism.

Welcome Everett Young Kemp! Sign up to bring meals to the Edward and Leah Kemp family. Go to this link (see bulletin online to make it easier):  
<https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=YAHW8188&welcome=1>

### Visiting with Us?

**We warmly welcome you to our worship of God. We hope you can visit our other ministries and be back in worship with us on upcoming Sundays. Please speak to Pastor Martin Lifer following today's service (outside the front entrance), ... or contact him at the church office or via email (mwlfifer3@gmail.com). Let us know of any special prayer requests, and learn more about growing in your faith or, specifically, about joining our church family.**

### MISSION Opportunities:

**Aluminum Cans for Father's Child Ministry-** The Men of the Church and the Crusaders SS Class invite you to bring your aluminum cans to FPC. Place them (bagged in small or large plastic bags preferred) in the blue covered trailer located on the north side of the church. Periodically the cans will be crushed and taken to a recycle firm in West Point for which we are paid \$.55 per pound. Funds generated along with donations collected will be given to the Father's Child Ministry in Columbus, which supports needy children from the entire Golden Triangle area. Please pass the word to friends and to other churches in the community. Thanks for your support of this ministry.

**TEJERAS MEAL SPONSORS** *(Mission meal for children in Tejeras, Honduras)*

**If you would like to sponsor a Tejeras Meal in 2018, please send a check for \$80 made out to Honduras Agape Foundation to Michele Rackley, PO Box 826, Starkville, MS 39760, or in the church office, or you may place your check in the Offering.**

**CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK**

Jan 9 – Paula Ivey Jan 11 – Bob Boyd

### New Church Pictorial Directory!

Our church is in the process of putting together a beautiful, full-color digital directory. Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8x10 professional family portrait, one printed directory, smart phone app, and online directory. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices.

A professional photographer will begin taking professional family portraits for the directory on **March 1-3** at our church. You can **sign up** online by using the link below. If you do not have access to a computer you can call The Portrait Cafe @ 1-877-896-9667 extension 325, and they will make this appointment at your convenience.

Please click the following link to make an appointment:

<https://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2220114637?schedule=firstpresbyterianchurch>

**Volunteers Needed! To sign up as a volunteer** to help in planning and preparation, or to act as Hosts/Hostesses when the families come to be photographed, **please call Rita Usher in the church office, 323-1994.**

### Our New Semester of Wednesday Night Friends & Family Begins this Week!

This Wednesday's Dinner: Fried/Grilled Chicken Strips, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Rolls, Strawberry Cake; Adults may also choose a Chef Salad, ... or, as always, children may have pizza – just let us know. *Please complete your reservation card and place it in the Offering today, or call or send an email to the Church Office.*

**Children's, SOS & Youth Ministries (5:50 -7 p.m.)**

### This Semester's Adult Studies Wednesday Night:

**An invitation for men:** The Men's Bible Study begins this Wednesday, January 17, and meets in the Johnson Room after Friends & Family dinner. Our study is titled **A Life Beyond Amazing** by Dr. David Jeremiah. This series covers nine decisions That Will Transform Your Life Today.

**For Parents (and Grandparents):**

### HOW TO BE A FAITHFUL, TECH-Wise FAMILY

We offer this additional, elective small-group study and option for you – especially if you and/or children, grandchildren, or others in your family regularly use and are exposed to the strong influence of 21<sup>st</sup> technology.

**Dr. Lifer will lead this small group study Wednesday nights this winter in the Chapel:** Practical Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Places in Our Lives and Families (Chapel, 5:50-7 p.m)

**AND, An Invitation for Women: Tired of Chasing Perfection? Turn to Jesus!**

Join us on Wednesday nights after Friends and Family dinner in the Parlor for a 7-session DVD driven women's Bible study focused on increasing our capacity for meaningful friendships with other women. **We Saved You a Seat** is a study by Lisa-Jo Baker and friends from (in)courage, that explores our relationship with Jesus as the ultimate model for authentic friendship. Nothing shapes us like the impact of a friend - it's how Jesus radically and intimately connects with us. So instead of chasing perfection, overcome your fear of being known and find the courage to connect. To sign up and order a workbook, please contact **Orly Hardin** [obh2@msstate.edu](mailto:obh2@msstate.edu)

**...ALSO, our Chancel Choir will resume practice on Wednesdays at 6-7 p.m..**

### Thursday Women's Bible Study - Love, Loss and Legacy

**Ladies,** please join us for a study of the book of Ruth by Kelly Minter. There will be 7 sessions, beginning January 25 and ending March 8. We will meet in the Parlor at 1 pm each Thursday. If you plan on attending, please contact Susan Gamel (662-312-6052, [mizsuz2000@yahoo.com](mailto:mizsuz2000@yahoo.com)) so she can reserve your book for you (\$15).

**Week of January 14, 2018**

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	8:30a.m.	Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
<b>MONDAY:</b>	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (Ed. Bldg)
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	5:15 p.m.	Friends & Family Meal
	5:50 p.m.	Children's Choir, SOS, Youth Discipleship
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	12:00 pm	Casserole Kitchen (Episcopal Church)
	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Christian Education Bldg.)

**Prayer List**

Robert McDavid  
 Thomas Guest (Charlie and Rubye Guest's grandson)  
 Mary Jo Wallace and Family  
 Rusty Bouchillon  
 Rev. Scott Griffin's father, Rev. Griffin  
 Diane Daniels, together with her sister, Delores Irvin, and Sarah Helen McCloskey (Daniels' family friend) -PA  
 Jane Zitta  
 Sylvia Love  
 Marjorie Malone  
 Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware  
 Eleisha G. Reynolds (Anita Reynolds' daughter-in-law) Montrose, CO  
 Marie Tubb and John Gassaway (Anna Ray Gasaway's sister-in-law & brother-in-law)  
 Dawn Allen (Nell Hartness' granddaughter) - Starkville  
 Billy and Brenda Harrington  
 Cattie Taylor  
 Carol Clark (Albert Clark's sister)  
 Brenda Pratt, Cheryl Kay Linder (Beth Ann Dunlap's stepmother & sister)  
 Bessie Montgomery  
 Mae Glass (Vivien Miller's mother)  
 Carl Ivey, Sr. – Dukedom, Kentucky  
 Anderson Ivey (Carl and Paula Ivey's grandson) – Birmingham, Alabama  
 Marshall McReynolds (Sherylan Webb's nephew) – Tupelo  
 Craig Wolf (Paula Elliott's son-in-law) – Huntsville, Alabama  
 Danny Carlisle (Loren Zimmerman's friend)  
 Frances Ellis, Christopher A. Cook, and Brett Horton (Ellen Mauldin's sister, grandson – U.S. Army-Poland – and her brother Leslie's grandson)  
 Billy Ray Ball (Dolph Bryan's Uncle) – Tuscaloosa  
 Madeline Bell (Greta Bryan's great niece) – Vienna, Virginia  
 Jack Boren & family, Ryan Carrithers, Tonia McLendon, and Sue Salley (friends of Dolph & Greta Bryan)

**Health Care / Assisted Living Prayer List**

Jane Lusk – The Claiborne  
 Jetta Kuykendall – The Grove, Columbia  
 Kathleen Smithson Lawson – Vicker's Personal Care Home  
 Lu Graham (Jane Zitta's sister) – The Hermitage, Richmond, Virginia  
 Frances Oakley – Sunnybrook Estates, Madison  
 Marie Tramel – Beau Ridge, Ridgeland  
 Maxine Eastland – Franklin, TN  
 Elizabeth Duffey – Presbyterian Village, GA  
 Jewel Jacobs (Cindy Walker's mother) – Montgomery Garden  
 Thelma Gentry – Vicker's Personal Care Home

<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
Myles Carpenter	Dolph Bryan	Carl Ivey
Jack Forbus	Harold Clark	Jim Beaty
Randell Foxworth	Cecelia Cook	Peggy Johnson
Allen Johnson	Bob Daniels	Jeff Foster
Janice Kinard	Orly Hardin	
Perry Rackley	Edward Kemp	

**Elder Emeritus – Dero Ramsey**

The Session's next Stated Meeting is January 21, 12:30 p.m. / Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Randell Foxworth, Clerk

<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
Jay Cook	Peggy Branch	Tabor Mullen
John Rush	Vivian Cade	Kristin Skinner
	Joel Downey	Johnny Fair
	Jimbo Hearnberger	Jeremy Murdock
	Jason Ryder	

The Diaconate meets Sunday, Feb 4, 12:15 p.m. / Jay Cook, Chair / Joel Downey, Secretary

**Session and Diaconate Ministry Committees**

(\*Current Elder, \*\*Current Deacon)

<b><u>Worship &amp; Music</u></b>	<b><u>Missions</u></b>	<b><u>Children's &amp; Youth Ministry</u></b>
*Larry Anthony, Chair	*Dolph Bryan, *Loren Zimmerman, Co-Chairs	*Janice Kinard, *Orly Hardin, Co-Chairs
<b><u>Fellowship &amp; Hospitality</u></b>	<b><u>Shepherding</u></b>	<b><u>Budget &amp; Finance</u></b>
**Jay Cook, **Joel Downey, **Jason Ryder, Co-Chairs	*Janice Kinard	*Bob Daniels, Chair *Jim Beaty, Treasurer
<b><u>Adult Discipleship Education</u></b>	<b><u>Communications &amp; Outreach</u></b>	<b><u>Personnel</u></b>
*Allen Johnson, Chair	*Orly Hardin, Nancy Lifer, Co-Chairs	*Perry Rackley, Chair
	<b><u>Childcare Board of Directors</u></b>	<b><u>Property</u></b>
	Zack Harrington (Chairman)	*Myles Carpenter, *Edward Kemp Co-Chairs
	Cecelia Cook	
	Amanda Henry	
	Will Rackley	
	Sarah Ryder	

**FPC Women's Ministry – Caitlin Rackley, Moderator**

Circles meet 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each month (7:00 pm Circle meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

**Circles, Meeting Places, and Leaders**

Sunday, 8:00 am, Parlor – Lynda Forbus	Tuesday, 6:00 pm, location TBA – Orly Hardin
Monday, 1:30 pm, Parlor– Kay McReynolds	Monday, 7:00 pm, location TBA– Amy Aarhus

**Men of the Church (MOC) Officers – Andrew Fountain, President,  
Will Rackley, Vice President, Charlie Weatherly, Treasurer**

**The Ministry of Music**

On Wednesdays - Chancel Choir, 6:00 p.m./ Children's Choirs at 5:50 p.m.

**FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team**

<b>Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer, Pastor</b>	mwlifer3@gmail.com
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- Fellowship Gathering | 10:30 a.m.**
- Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.**

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**Office Hours**

**Mon. - Friday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. & 1:00-4:00 p.m.**