

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

JANUARY 21, 2018

PRELUDE

Chorale

J.S. Bach
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** The Seventh and Concluding Essential in the “*Essentials of Our Faith*” of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (the “EPC”), including Biblical quotations from Matthew 28:19-20 and Ephesians 5:2 and 2:10, clarifies our mission.

ALL: The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to “Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.” He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

***INVOCATION AND PRAISE**

***HYMN 440**

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

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

***HYMN 670 THE GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM (11:00 –Chancel Choir)

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The (Westminster) Shorter Catechism*

Pastor. What is man's primary purpose?

ALL: Man's primary purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

Pastor: What authority from God directs us how to glorify and enjoy Him?

ALL: The only authority for glorifying Him is the Bible, which is the word of God and is made up of the Old and New Testaments.

Pastor: What makes the word effective for salvation?

ALL: The Spirit of God causes the reading and especially the preaching of the word to convince and convert sinners and to build them up in holiness and comfort through faith to salvation.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Lopez
Jennifer Blackburn

**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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 18:2; James 3:1-2; Hebrews 13:12-17
(ESV Pew Bible p. 541, 1012, 1010)

Sermon

Faithful Leadership in a Foolish Age

Martin Lifer

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

INSTALLING OFFICERS OF FPC STARKVILLE AS EPC ELDERS & DEACONS:

Ruling Elders Installed Today: Randell Foxworth, Dolph Bryan, Myles Carpenter, Harold Clark, Cecelia Cook, Bob Daniels, Jack Forbus, Orly Hardin, Jeff Foster, Carl Ivey, Allen Johnson, Peggy Johnson, Edward Kemp, Janice Kinard, and Perry Rackley.

Deacons Installed Today: Peggy Branch, Vivian Cade, Jay Cook, Joel Downey, Johnny Fair, Jimbo Hearnberger, Tabor Mullen, Jeremy Murdock, Jason Ryder, and Kristen Skinner.

EPC ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION VOWS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS

1. Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior?
2. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
4. Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
5. Do you affirm and adopt the “Essentials of Our Faith” without exception?
6. Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?
7. Do you promise subjection to your fellow presbyters in the Lord?
8. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy Ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the gospel of His Son?
9. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
10. Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Ruling Elder/Deacon, whether personal, or interpersonal, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the congregation of which God is making you overseer?
11. Are you now willing to accept the call of this church as Pastor/Associate Pastor/Ruling Elder/Deacon, and, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties required of that office?

***QUESTIONS TO, AND AFFIRMATIONS OF, CONGREGATION AND EACH MEMBER**

1. Are you, the members of this congregation ready to receive as officers of the church each ruling elder and deacon being installed today?
2. Do you promise to submit to your pastor and ruling elders in matters of spiritual discipline, and to receive with humility and love the word of truth?
3. Do you promise to support each ruling elder and each deacon with your prayers, to give encouragement and assistance to them in every way, as they seek to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God in this place?

PRAYERS OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

***HYMN 391** (vv. 1-2)

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

POSTLUDE

Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the **Glory of God** by Billy and Brenda Harrington in memory of their son, Kirk.

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 (mwllifer3@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.

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

This Wednesday's Dinner: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Fried Okra, Rolls, Sour Cream 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:

The Men's Bible Study in the Johnson Room. ***A Life Beyond Amazing*** by Dr. David Jeremiah, covers nine decisions That Will Transform Your Life Today.

HOW TO BE A FAITHFUL, TECH-Wise FAMILY:

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

AND, An Invitation for Women: Tired of Chasing Perfection? Turn to Jesus! Join us in the Parlor for a 7-session DVD driven 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.

...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) so she can reserve your book for you (\$15).

New Church Pictorial Directory!

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 church office 323-1994 or call The Portrait Cafe @ 1-877-896-9667 extension 325.
<https://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2220114637?schedule=firstpresbyterianchurch>

TEJERAS MEAL SPONSORS (*Mission meal for children in Tejeras, Honduras*)
January 24 AND 26 – Anonymous Supporters: For the Glory of God and in Honor of our new Church Officers

CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK

Jan 9 – Rex Buffington

Jan 11 – Richard and Jennifer Blackburn

Week of January 21, 2018

SUNDAY:	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
MONDAY:	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (Ed. Bldg)
TUESDAY:	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY:	5:15 p.m.	Friends & Family Meal
	5:50 p.m.	Children's Choir, SOS, Youth Discipleship
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY:	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
SATURDAY:	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

<u>2018</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>2020</u>
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	
	Joint meeting with Diaconate - January 21, 12:30 p.m. / Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Randell Foxworth, Clerk	

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

Joint meeting with Session - Sunday, Jan 21, 12:30 p.m. / Jay Cook, Chair / Joel Downey, Secretary

Session and Diaconate Ministry Committees
 (*Current Elder, **Current Deacon)

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

FPC Women's Ministry – Caitlin Rackley, Moderator

Circles meet **2nd** week of each month (7:00 pm Circle meets 3rd 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

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Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.

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