

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

JANUARY 28, 2018

PRELUDE *Chorale* J.S. Bach
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Revelation 4:11, 5:13b, and 21:5a & 6a

Pastor: You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

ALL: Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

Pastor: And He Who was seated on the throne said:

ALL: "Behold, I am making all things new!"

Pastor: ... And He said to me:

ALL: "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end!"

*INVOCATION AND PRAISE

*HYMNS 5 & 6 *How Great Is Our God* HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD
How Great Thou Art O STORE GUD

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) *For Where Love Is, There is God* Young

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00 - Ashleigh Murdock)

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)

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.

* 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, Scotty Crawford

Today's Greeters: 8:30 – Bill Crumpton; 11:00 – Gloria Cade, Amy Crawford

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE **Psalm 40:1-5** (ESV Pew Bible p. 468)

Sermon **Good News, Presbyterian Church!** Martin Lifer

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

PRAYERS OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

*+HYMN 302 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *Halleluja, Amen!*

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 honor of Dero and Adelaide Ramsey, Philip Gruchy, and the Joy Sunday School class.

+We invite you to place in one of the baskets at the front of the Chancel – *during the closing hymn or following the service* – your **Two-Cents-a-Meal Special Offering** for this month – to be used to (1) defray FPC's costs in hosting the Casserole Kitchen Mission on Tuesday and Thursday nights AND (2) support for FPC's other benevolence missions.

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 (mwlifer3@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.

JOIN US WEDNESDAY FOR *Friends & Family Fellowship!*

This Wednesday's Dinner: Chicken Spaghetti, Corn Nuggets, Salad, Rolls, Banana Pudding. 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.)

Adult Studies Wednesday Night:

Men's Bible Study (Johnson Room). George Bennett, Wallace Cade, and Charlie Weatherly lead this study of *A Life Beyond Amazing*, Dr. David Jeremiah.

HOW TO BE FAITHFUL, TECH-Wise Christians and Families:

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

Women's Bible Study, led by Orly Hardin (in the Parlor) - *We Saved You a Seat*, a 7-session DVD driven Bible study focused on increasing our capacity for meaningful friendships with other women by Lisa-Jo Baker.

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



Church-Wide Valentine's Pot-Luck Fellowship Sunday Night, February 11

Everyone is invited to a pot-luck dinner on Sunday February 11th at 5:30 pm. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy a Valentine themed dinner with your church family.

University Students – Lunch Fellowship Next Sunday, Feb. 4!

Join Dr. Lifer, Kirk Kinard, Peyton & Catherine Fandel, and other FPC members and college students for a fellowship lunch and for discussing an upcoming Bible Study opportunity. We'll meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, February 4, following the 11 a.m. worship service.

Winter Jam for Kids

Calling all 3rd-6th graders!! The Winter Jam 2018 Christian concert is February 22nd at 7 pm. Don't miss this amazing night of worship! Let Ashleigh Murdock know if you will attend.



The Evangelical Presbyterian Church - *Essentials of Our Faith:*

All Scripture is self-attesting and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is a complete and unified witness to God's redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks. On this sure foundation we affirm these additional essentials of our faith.

1. We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory and praise forever!

2. Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.

3. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior, indwelling our hearts. He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.

4. Being estranged from God and condemned by our sinfulness, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's free grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justifies them in His sight. Only such as are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ become children of God and heirs of eternal life.

5. The true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the sacraments are administered in their integrity, where scriptural discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained. For her perfecting she awaits the return of her Lord.

6. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth personally, visibly, and bodily—to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20)

7. 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." (Eph. 2:10)

Week of January 28, 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.)

CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK

Jan 30 – Loren Zimmerman Feb 1 – Billy Harrington

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

Sympathies and Prayers for the Blackburn Family

We continue to extend our sympathies to, and to pray for, Jennifer and Richard Blackburn & family, following the death of Jennifer's father, Arlie Watkins, Saturday night, January 20, and following the services at the Camden, Alabama, last Tuesday, January 23.

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 or 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>

Elders Serving on Our Session

2018	2019	2020
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
 / Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Randell Foxworth, Clerk

Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate

2018	2019	2020
Jay Cook	Peggy Branch	Tabor Mullen
John Rush	Vivian Cade	Kristen Skinner
	Joel Downey	Johnny Fair
	Jimbo Hearnberger	Jeremy Murdock
	Jason Ryder	

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 | 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School | 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Gathering | 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.

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