

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 11, 2018

PRELUDE *Communion* Gigout
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from* 2 Peter 1:16-18 (11:00) – Davis Wade Banzhaf

Leader: For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

ALL: For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory – “This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased!” – we ourselves heard the very voice borne from heaven. For we were with Him on the holy mountain.

*INVOCATION AND PRAISE

*HYMNS 443 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* SCOTT

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (11:00) – Elder Harold Clark and Deacon John Rush

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

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH ON COMMUNION SUNDAY

From the Westminster Larger Catechism (11:00) – John Allen (Jack) Aarhus
Leader: Is everyone saved who hears the gospel and goes to church?

ALL: Not everyone who hears the gospel and attends a visible church is saved. The saved are only the true members of the invisible church.

From the Scots Confession

ALL: We confess and acknowledge that baptism pertains as well to the infants of the faithful, as unto those that be of age and discretion.... But the supper of the Lord we confess to pertain to such only as be of the household of faith, and who are capable to try and examine themselves –as to their faith, and as to their duty toward their neighbors.

Therefore, it is that in our kirks our ministers take public and particular examination of the knowledge and conversation of such who are to be admitted to the table of the Lord.

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION AND INTERCESSION

SILENT PRAYERS
GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE

* RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY

*GIVING TO GOD: TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Glorify Thy Name* arr. Hayes
Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Deacon of the Month: Jason Ryder

Today's Ushers: 8:30 Gary Bardwell; 11:00 – Lee Weiskopf, Ernie George

Today's Greeters: 8:30 – Carolyn Coleman; 11:00 – Amy Weiskopf

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 26:26-29** (ESV Pew Bible p. 832)
I Corinthians 13:12 (ESV Pew Bible p. 960)

Sermon **Love Story** Martin Lifer

GOD'S WORD SEALED: THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE FOR BAPTIZED BELIEVERS

AFFIRMATION UPON THE TAKING OF COMMUNION

From the Westminster Confession of Faith
Worthy receivers, physically partaking of the visible substances of this sacrament, do then also by faith actually and in fact, but not physically or bodily, spiritually receive and feed on Christ crucified and on all the benefits of his death.

THE LORD'S WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

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.

ANTHEM (11:00 –Chancel Choir) *In Remembrance*

SHARING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

We invite all who receive from the bread and then the cup to wait – in each case – until all have been served, and then to partake at the same time as other worshipers are partaking.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION - FOR CHRIST'S WITNESSES

*HYMN 552 *My Jesus, I Love Thee* GORDON

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Variation on an Italian Hymn* Giardini
Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of our parents by Dero and Adelaide Ramsey.

We continue to pray for God's comfort for **Darinda and Phil Gruchy**, and their family, following the death of Darinda's mother, **Johnnie Louise Young Brown**.



Ash Wednesday

Join us This WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14

Ash Wednesday begins the season of spiritual repentance and renewal known as “Lent.”

Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner 5:15-5:45 p.m.

This Wednesday's Dinner: Fried Chicken Strips, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Rolls, Chocolate 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.*

Ash Wednesday Communion Service 6 p.m.

Including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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.

We also hope you will plan to be guests of Pastor and Nancy Lifer, together with other FPC members, for our

FIRST CONNECT Lunch & Learn Fellowship on Sunday, March 4, 12:10-1:15, p.m.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about being part of our church family and ministries. (We can provide childcare and lunch food for younger children whose parents will be with us. Please simply let Pastor, Nancy, or the Church Office know you are coming.)

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP & MINISTRY EVENTS:



TONIGHT - Church-Wide Valentine's Pot-Luck Fellowship!

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

Winter Jam for Kids and Youth

Calling all 3rd-6th graders and Youth!! 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.



Sunday, February 25
Join leaders from the Central South Presbytery celebrating FPC's Becoming a Full, Voting Congregation in the EPC:

10:00 a.m. - Unified, Single Worship Service; and

Our Church-wide Fellowship Lunch following the Worship Service.

HELP US PREPARE FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS:



Fresh Flowers for the Sanctuary. If you would like to provide flowers for a Lord's Day worship services, please call Rita Usher in the church office for details and/or to reserve a date. You may provide one or two arrangements or contribute smaller amounts to a flower fund.

Ushers and Greeters Needed

We had a great response to the First Serve cards for ushers and greeters, but we wanted to give everyone the chance to be a part of this important service to our church. Please access our "Signup Genius" webpage to sign up for any Sundays from now through June, or you may call Rita at the church office or contact Vivian Cade at cade.v.m@gmail.com to sign up.

8:30 Service: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4faaac2ba4f58-830>
11:00 Service: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4faaac2ba4f58-11amservice>.

Week of February 11, 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
 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

Thelma Gentry – Vicker's Personal Care Home
 Louise Haddiagan – The Claiborne
 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

New Church Pictorial Directory! A professional photographer will begin taking 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 to make this appointment at your convenience. Please click the following link to make an appointment: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCpictures>

Construction at Robinson Lake The road to Robinson Lake will be under construction. Work will start on the spillway across the road about 200 feet from our gates. If you are visiting our property, please be mindful of this construction. Proceed with caution and be careful not to disturb the concrete forms.

CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK

Feb 13 – Caitlin Rackley Feb 15 – Bob Boyd

Elders Serving on Our Session

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</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
 / Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Randell Foxworth, Clerk

Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</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	

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

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

You are invited!

If you are not a member of a monthly Women's Bible Study group we would love to have you join one. Just pick the one that suits your schedule the best. We have a great time studying God's word and growing in our faith. (Making new friends, too!)

Circles, Meeting Places, and Leaders

Feb 11, Sunday, 8:00 am, Parlor – Chairman - Lynda Forbus	Feb 13, Tuesday, 6:00 pm, Marquita Beaty's Home (103 Clairmont Circle 662-769-7911) – Chairman - Orly Hardin
Feb 12, Monday, 1:30 pm, Parlor– Chairman - Kay McReynolds	Feb 21, Monday, 7:00 pm, location TBA- Chairman - 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

Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer , <i>Pastor</i>	mwlifer3@gmail.com
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