

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY		
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI		
FEBRUARY 25, 2018 RECEPTION SUNDAY (ON THE 2D SUNDAY IN LENT) - <i>FPC RECEIVED INTO CENTRAL SOUTH PRESBYTERY, EPC</i>		
PRELUDE	<i>Sing the Glad Song</i>	Ritter Jennifer Blackburn
WELCOME		
INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir, Jim Beaty Dir.)		
* CALL TO WORSHIP <i>from Psalm 124 and Calvin’s Geneva Liturgy</i> Tate Ferguson: If it had not been for the LORD Who was on our side, let Israel now say – All: Our help is in the Name of the LORD – Who made heaven and earth!		
*INVOCATION AND PRAISE		
* HYMN 656	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	EIN FESTE BURG
* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION AND INTERCESSION THE LORD’S PRAYER <i>(Unison)</i> 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 GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S GRACE * RESPONSIVE HYMN 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI		
ANTHEM (Chancel Choir)	<i>I Will Sing Praise to the Lord</i>	
GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES		Martin Lifer
* AFFIRMING OUR FAITH <i>From the Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 43</i> Leader: How is Christ a prophet? ALL: As a prophet, Christ reveals the complete will of God to his church about everything for the church’s edification and salvation. He does this throughout the ages in different ways by means of his Spirit and Word.		
* RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY		
* GIVING TO GOD: TITHES AND OFFERINGS INVITATION AND PRAYER		
		Martin Lifer
OFFERTORY	<i>I Know Whom I Have Believed</i>	arr. McDonald Jennifer Blackburn
* <i>The congregation is invited to stand.</i>		
+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.		
The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by a member of the congregation.		
Deacon of the Month: Jason Ryder Today’s Ushers: 8:30 Gary Bardwell; 11:00 – Lee Weiskopf Today’s Greeters: 8:30 – Carolyn Coleman; 11:00 – Amy Weiskopf		

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED		
SCRIPTURE	Revelation 1:9-20 (ESV Pew Bible p. 960)	
SERMON	<i>Transforming Vision</i>	Rev.Steve Burton
INSTALLATION OF THE FPC SESSION AND OF PASTOR MARTIN LIFER IN CENTRAL SOUTH PRESBYTERY (EPC) AND RECEPTION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE INTO THE CENTRAL SOUTH PRESBYTERY (EPC)		
Introduction of the Commission and Summary of proceedings – Chairman John Adamson		
Constitutional Question to the Session – Teaching Elder Steve Burton Constitutional Question to the Pastor – Ruling Elder Mike Matthews Constitutional Questions to the Congregation – Ruling Elder Mike Matthews Prayer of Installation – Teaching Elder Rev. Bob Wilbur Charge to the Pastor, Session and Congregation – Ruling Elder Bill Cade Declaration – Ruling Elder John Adamson		
* HYMN 443	<i>Open My Eyes</i>	SCOTT
*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION		
CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 – Chancel Choir) <i>Amen</i>		
POSTLUDE <i>The Call of the Trumpets</i>		
* <i>The congregation is invited to stand.</i>		

In addition to welcoming all guests and visiting worshipers with us today, we also extend special thanks to all of our brothers and sisters from the Central South Presbytery who are able to be with us today, including the following members of the commission who are formally receiving us into the presbytery and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church: - Chairman John Adamson (Ruling Elder, 2d Presbyterian Church, Memphis)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rev. Steve Burton (Teaching Elder and Pastor, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Selma) - Bill Cade (Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, West Point) - Mike Matthews (Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, West Point) - Rev. Robert (Bob) Wilbur (Teaching Elder and Recently Retired, Former Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus)
Further, we are blessed to have Rev. Burton preach God’s Word in this very special service today, and to have his wife, Cindy, join us today. Steve has led Cornerstone Church as pastor for over three years.

We invite all members and visitors with us to join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, following today’s worship service, for --

Today’s Church-wide Fellowship Lunch	
For RECEPTION SUNDAY	



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.
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
NEXT 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.)*

DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER NEXT Sunday, March 4
Please join us on March 4, **during our Fellowship Gathering (10:30-10:50 a.m.)** in Fellowship Hall for our Diapers & Wipes Shower for **Zack and Hunter Harrington, and their expected son, Henry Harrington (due early April).**



Make Your Reservations Today for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m.

This Wednesday’s Dinner: Pulled Pork (with BBQ Sauce), Baked Beans, French Fries, 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.)
Adult Studies Wednesday Night (5:50 -7 p.m.):
Men's Bible Study (Johnson Room). **A Life Beyond Amazing.**
HOW TO BE FAITHFUL, TECH-Wise Christians and Families:
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.**
...ALSO, our Chancel Choir practices on Wednesdays at 6-7 p.m.

CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK
Feb 27 – Rex Buffington Mar 1 – Loren Zimmerman

TEJERAS MEAL SPONSORS *(Mission meal for children in Tejas, Honduras)*
If you would like to sponsor a Tejas 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.

Week of February 25, 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)
TUESDAY:	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (Ed. Bldg)
	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
WEDNESDAY:	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
	5:15 p.m.	Friends & Family Meal
THURSDAY:	5:50 p.m.	Children’s Choir, SOS, Youth Discipleship
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
SATURDAY:	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
	12:00 pm	Casserole Kitchen (Episcopal Church)
	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Christian Education Bldg.)

Prayer List

Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
Thomas Guest (Charlie and Rubye Guest’s grandson)
Gary and Janet Bardwell
Jay Bardwell
Diane Daniels, together with her sister, Delores Irvin, and Sarah Helen McCloskey (Daniels’ family friend) -PA
Jane Zitta
Sylvia Love
Marjorie Malone
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
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

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 The Session’s next Stated Meeting is March 25, 12:30 p.m.		

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, Meeting Places, and Leaders

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

Second Sunday, 8am, Parlor – Chairman Lynda Forbus
Second Monday, 1:30 pm, Parlor – Chairman Kay McReynolds
Second Tuesday, 6 pm, Location TBA – Chairman Orly Hardin
Third Monday, 7 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	
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Dr. Craig Aarhus , <i>Music Director</i>	aarhus@bellsouth.net
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Fellowship & Ministry Gathering | 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service | 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Lunch | 11:15 a.m.

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