

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

MARCH 4, 2018
3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE *Priere* Salome
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME
GOOD NEWS FPC MINISTRY UPDATE Martin Lifer
Bob Daniels (Chairman of the Search Committee for FPC's Next Assistant Pastor)

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir, Dr. Craig Aarhus, Director)

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Genesis 12:3*
Simmons Brooks (11:00 a.m.): The LORD said to Abram:
"I will bless those who bless you, and those who dishonor you, I will curse,"
ALL: "And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

*INVOCATION AND PRAISE Martin Lifer

*HYMN 42 *God of Every Generation* HYFRYDOL

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00 – Children's Choirs, Kathy McGill and Vivian Cade, Directors)

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

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH *From the Westminster Confession of Faith (26.2)*
(Unison) By their profession of faith, saints are bound to maintain a holy fellowship and communion with each other in the worship of God and in the performance of other spiritual services for their mutual improvement. They are also bound to help each other in material things according to their different abilities and needs. This fellowship is to be offered, as God gives the opportunity, to everyone in every place who calls on the name of the Lord Jesus.

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *Alleluia*

*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

GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE

* RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY

*GIVING TO GOD: TITHES AND OFFERINGS

INVITATION AND PRAYER

Martin Lifer

OFFERTORY *Jesus Paid It All* arr. Hayes
Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God and for the encouragement of the Assistant Pastor Search Committee by members of the congregation.

Deacon of the Month: Jason Ryder

Today's Ushers: 8:30 Bill Gamel; 11:00 – Billy Harrington, Orly Hardin

Today's Greeters: 8:30 – Pattie Molen; 11:00 – Ernie George, Brenda Harrington

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SERMON SERIES

Nothing Except God

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 16:7; Acts 10:34-35 (ESV Pew Bible pp. 238 & 919)
James 2:1 & 2:9 (ESV Pew Bible p. 1011-1012)

SERMON *No Partiality* Martin Lifer

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

*HYMN 394 *In Christ There Is No East or West* ST. PETER

*BENEDICTION Martin Lifer

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

POSTLUDE Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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 invite you to be guests - TODAY - of Pastor and Nancy Lifer, together with other FPC members, for our

FIRST CONNECT Lunch & Learn Fellowship

Today, 12:10-1:15, p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about being part of our church family and ministries. (We are providing childcare and lunch food for younger children whose parents will be with us.)

DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER TODAY

Members and Guests – Join us 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).



Thank You for Your Help with Our Church Pictorial Directory:

1st – Special Thanks All of our Great Team of Volunteers Who Worked for the Past Couple of Months and Over the Past Few Days; and

2nd – To All Individual Members and Families That Participated so that Your Photos and Information Can Be Included in Our Upcoming Church Directory.

If you were not available to be photographed this week, the photographer will be back at FPC on March 25-26 (Sunday, Monday). Please call the church office or go to <https://tinyurl.com/FPCpictures> to make an appointment.

Enjoy Friend-making Fellowship & Bible Study Each Sunday Morning!

Guests and members – *If you are not already in a Sunday Bible Study & Fellowship Group* – join us for one of the following:

Adult Sunday School Fellowship Groups, 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Crusader Class

led by Jack Forbus, Ernie George, and other teachers (in the Fellowship Hall)

Discovery & Young Adult Joint Class

led by Bob Daniels (in the Johnson Room of the Church Office Bldg.)

Faith for Life

led by Pastor Martin Lifer (in the Chapel, behind the Sanctuary Chancel)

Joy Class

led by Phil Gruchy (in the Parlor, 1st Floor, Sanctuary Bldg.)

New Covenant Class

led by Jim Beaty (in the Main Room behind Sanctuary Balcony)

Women in the Word

led by Nancy Lifer (in Room S-6, main Sanctuary Floor)



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

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.*

Wednesday 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.

Women's Bible Study, led by Orly Hardin (Parlor) - *We Saved You a Seat.*

...ALSO, our Chancel Choir practices on Wednesdays at 6-7 p.m.

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.

Week of March 4, 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

Laurin Scales
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
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

Cattie Taylor – Beehive, West Point, MS
Thelma Gentry – Vicker's Personal Care Home
Louise Haddigan – 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.

CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK

Mar 6 – Loren Zimmerman

Mar 8 – Ross Collins

FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team

Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer, Pastor	mwlifer3@gmail.com
Rita Usher, Pastoral Secretary	info@fpcstarkville.org
Ashleigh Murdock, Children's Ministry Coordinator	aabmurdock@gmail.com
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Amanda Corley, Child Care Director	fpccdirector@fpcstarkville.org

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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.

Visit Our Website for Ministry Resources and News

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Office Hours

Mon. - Friday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. & 1:00-4:30 p.m.