

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

MARCH 11, 2018  
4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Alex-Zsolt  
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME Martin Lifer

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 62:6-8

Reese McAfee (11:00 a.m.): He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I shall not be shaken!

**ALL: On God rests my salvation and my glory.**

**My mighty rock – my refuge – is God.**

Reese McAfee: O people, trust in Him at all times.

Pour out your heart before Him.

**ALL: God is a refuge for us!**

\*INVOCATION AND PRAISE Martin Lifer

\*HYMN 511 *The Sold Rock* SOLID ROCK

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 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *Take Up Your Cross* Hopson

GOOD NEWS WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00) – Ashleigh Murdock

\*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH From the Westminster Shorter Catechism (Q. 37)

Pastor: What benefits do believers receive from Christ when they die?

**ALL When believers die, their souls are made perfectly holy and immediately pass into glory. Their bodies, which are still united to Christ, rest in the grave until resurrection.**

\* RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 THE DOXOLOGY

\*GIVING TO GOD: TITHES AND OFFERINGS

INVITATION AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Lead Me to Calvary* arr. Lopez  
Jennifer Blackburn

\*The congregation is invited to stand.

Deacon of the Month: Jason Ryder

Today's Ushers: 8:30 – Alec Love; 11:00 – Billy Harrington, John Michael VanHorn

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

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.

## GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SERMON SERIES

*Nothing Except God*

SCRIPTURE

Jude 17-25  
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 1027)

SERMON

*"End of Construction –  
Thank You for Your Patience"*

Martin Lifer

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

\*HYMN 602 (vv. 1 & 4) *My Savior First of All* I SHALL KNOW HIM

\*BENEDICTION Martin Lifer

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

POSTLUDE *Dawn Praise* Hamilton  
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.

## EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES on SUNDAY, APRIL 1:

On April 1, Resurrection Sunday, we will have classic Easter Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 & 11 a.m.

We will also host our Easter Sunrise Service & Fellowship Breakfast – either at Robinson Lake or\* in the FPC Sanctuary.

\*The location of the Sunrise Service is TBD – depending on the weather. Please stay posted through the church email notices, or through the Church Office before Good Friday afternoon.

See the Bulletin Insert for Our Complete HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ... and an EASTER LILY ORDER FORM.

## Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m. This Wednesday's Dinner: Fried Catfish, French Fries, Hushpuppies, Cole Slaw, Caramel 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.

This "spring break week," our Children's and Youth groups will not meet. However, join the following 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.

ALSO, Join our Chancel Choir practicing for Holy Week, Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m.

## Enjoy Friendship-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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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)



## Further Opportunities to Glorify God through His Mission:

**Spring Clean-Up Day - Saturday, March 24!**

7:30 am -10:30 am

**Calling all Church Volunteers (and young helpers) to assist in spring cleaning of our beautiful church campus on Saturday, March 24!**

Coffee and biscuits will be available for breakfast beginning at 7:15 am. If available, bring wheel barrows, rakes, trimmers, mulch forks and other outdoor tools or just bring yourself! We will be joined by several members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity so let's be sure to thank them for their volunteer service.

For more information or questions, please contact the following:

Outdoors – Jeff Foster or Myles Carpenter

Children's Education Building – Ashleigh Murdock, to begin at 9 a.m.

Kitchen – Peggy Branch, to begin at 9 a.m.



## Ushers and Greeters Needed

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.vm@gmail.com](mailto:cade.vm@gmail.com) to sign up.

8:30 Service: <https://tinyurl.com/8-30amService> 11:00 Service: <https://tinyurl.com/11amService>

**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 11, 2018

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	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
<b>MONDAY:</b>	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (Ed. Bldg)
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	5:15 p.m.	Friends & Family Meal
	5:50 p.m.	Children's Choir, SOS, Youth Discipleship
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	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 and her mother  
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, Starkville  
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 meet **2<sup>nd</sup>** week of each month (7:00 pm Circle meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

**Come join a circle, make new friends and study God's word together.**

Circles, Meeting Places, and Leaders **this month**

March 11th - Sunday Morning Circle - 8am - Church Parlor - Leader Lynda Forbus  
March 12th - Monday Afternoon Circle - 1:30pm - Church Parlor - Leader Kay McReynolds  
March 19th - Monday Evening Circle - 7:00pm - Leader Amy Aarhus, Meeting at Amy's home at 108 Hiwassee Dr.  
March 20th - Tuesday Evening Circle - 6:00pm - Leader Orly Hardin, Meeting at Vivian Cade's at 104 Walden Way.

**The FPC Women's Ministries** will again be offering a **scholarship** to a deserving student of our church this spring. Applications are available in the church office, and are due in the office by Friday, April 15, at noon. If you have questions about the PW scholarship, please contact Jane Vemer at 662-324-8316 (jvemeg@gmail.com) or another member of the Coordinating Team.

**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 13 – Caitlin Rackley      Mar 15 – Bob Boyd

## FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team

<b>Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer, Pastor</b>	mwlifer3@gmail.com
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**Fellowship Gathering | 10:30 a.m.**

**Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.**

Visit Our Website for Ministry Resources and News

**[www.fpcstarkville.org](http://www.fpcstarkville.org)**

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## Office Hours

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