

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

MARCH 18, 2018
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE *The Old Rugged Cross* arr. Hayes
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME Martin Lifer

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 23

Elizabeth Ryder (11:00 a.m.): You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

ALL: You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.

Elizabeth: Surely goodness and mercy shall pursue me all the days of my life.

ALL: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*INVOCATION AND PRAISE Martin Lifer

*HYMN 24 *O Worship the King* LYONS

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

Simmons Brooks (11:00 a.m.): What is man's primary purpose?

ALL: Man's primary purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

Simmons: What happened to man in the fall?

ALL: Man fell into a condition of sin and misery.

Simmons: How is Christ our Redeemer?

ALL: As our redeemer, Christ is a prophet, priest, and king in both his humiliation and his exaltation.

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN (8:30 – Freddie Rasberry/ 11:00 – Aven VanHorn)

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 *In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found* arr. Wolaver
Jennifer Blackburn

*The congregation is invited to stand.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bruce Leopold and in loving memory of his mother and father, Jane and William Leopold.

Deacon of the Month: Peggy Branch

Today's Ushers: 8:30 – Alec Love; 11:00 – Billy Harrington, Will Rackley

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

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SERMON SERIES *Nothing Except God*

SCRIPTURE John 12:1-7; Mark 14:1-9
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 898; 850)

SERMON *You Prepare a Table Before Me in the Presence of My Enemies; You Anoint...* Martin Lifer

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

*HYMN 279 *There Is a Redeemer* GREEN

*BENEDICTION Martin Lifer

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

POSTLUDE *Adagio in G-Minor* Albinoni
Jennifer Blackburn

*The congregation is invited to stand.

Please join us as we continue to extend our sympathies to, and our prayers on behalf of:

– Tabor, Jackie and Carson Mullen and family, following the death of Tabor's mother, Hettie Lancaster "Missy" Mullen; and

– Jack Smith and family, following the death of his father, Louis R. Smith.

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 (mwlfifer3@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.

Also, we invite you to be with us in the Chapel, beginning 5:50 p.m., this

Wednesday, March 21, for a special one-night

FirstConnect 201 Learning Opportunity

led by Pastor Lifer, with Deacon Jeremy Murdock.

(Meet in the Chapel, beginning 5:50 p.m.)



FPC Holy Week Devotional 2018 Seven Sayings of Christ from the Cross

Elder Allen Johnson has written a powerful study of the last words that Jesus spoke from the cross. This devotional will help you appreciate what Jesus did for us on the cross and help you prepare for celebrating Resurrection Sunday. These booklets may be picked up in the Sanctuary and elsewhere around the church. The first devotional starts this Friday, March 23.

Ushers and Greeters Needed

Please access our "Signup Genius" webpage to sign up for Sundays through June -

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

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

or call Rita at the church office or contact Vivian Cade at cade.vn@gmail.com.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES - 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 church email notices, or call the Church Office on Good Friday morning.

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: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Fried Okra, Rolls, Strawberry 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.

Join the following Adult Studies Wednesday Night (5:50 -7 p.m.):

Men's Bible Study (Johnson Room).

A Life Beyond Amazing.

Women's Bible Study, led by Orly Hardin (in the Parlor) –

We Saved You a Seat.

FirstConnect 201 Learning Opportunity:

A one-night class that is a follow-up to our **FirstConnect Lunch & Learn for New Members**, Pastor Lifer and Deacon Jeremy Murdock also welcome **Visitors ... AND Longstanding FPC Members** wanting to Review or Learn More about the essential Christian Faith, being Presbyterian and in the EPC, and your opportunities to learn, serve, and grow spiritually in FPC. **(Meet in the Chapel, beginning 5:50 p.m.)**

ALSO, Join our Chancel Choir practicing for Holy Week, Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Further Opportunities to Glorify God through His Mission:

Spring Clean-Up Day – THIS 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 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.



TEJERAS MEAL SPONSORS (Mission meal for children in Tejeras, Honduras)

March 21, 23 – Anonymous Supporters of Mission Outreach in 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 18, 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

Hilda Scholtes
Laurin Scales
Gary and Janet Bardwell
Jay Bardwell
Gloria and Malcolm Gentry
Thomas Guest (Charlie and Rubye Guest's grandson)
Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
Tim and Briann Graham (of Cedar Bluff) – widower and daughter, respectively, of Tonya Graham (died March 13)
Diane Daniels, together with her sister, Delores Irvin, and Sarah Helen McCloskey (Daniels' family friend) -PA
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
Jane Zitta
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)

Health Care / Assisted Living Prayer List

Cattie Taylor – Beehive, Starkville
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
	Jason Ryder	Jeremy Murdock

FPC Women's Ministry – Caitlin Rackley, Moderator

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

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

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

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 20 – Paula Ivey

Mar 22 – Richard and Jennifer Blackburn

FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team

Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer , <i>Pastor</i>	mwlifer3@gmail.com
Rita Usher , <i>Pastoral Secretary</i>	info@fpcstarkville.org
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Dr. Craig Aarhus , <i>Music Director</i>	aarhus@bellsouth.net
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Mon. - Friday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. & 1:00-4:30 p.m.