

# First Presbyterian Church, Starkville

## Service for the Lord's Day

Resurrection Sunday/ First Sunday in Easter Season

April 1, 2018

**PRELUDE** (Jennifer Blackbourn, Organ) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Beethoven

**WELCOME; SHARING FRIENDSHIP REGISTER AND FIRST CONNECT CARDS** Martin Lifer

**INTROIT** (Chancel Choir, Dr. Craig Aarhus, Dir.)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** – from 1 Corinthians 1 and 15 (selected verses)

PASTOR: For the Word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. For Jews demand signs, and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified – a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**ALL: For the “foolishness” of God is wiser than men, and the “weakness” of God is stronger than men.**

PASTOR: For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried,

**ALL: That He was raised on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures....**

*Response* (Thrice said)

PASTOR: Jesus Christ is risen!

**ALL: He is risen, indeed!**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE AND INVOCATION**

**\* EASTER HYMN 270** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Follow'ing our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** (11:00- Ashleigh Murdock)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed**

*(Unison)* I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*RESPONSIVE HYMN 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI**

**ANTHEM** (Choir) *Because He Lives* Gaither/Schrader

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, 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.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*BRINGING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR FURTHER EASTER OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** (Jennifer Blackbourn, Piano) *Behold, the Lamb* arr. Kartsonakis

**SERMON SERIES** FPC STARKVILLE - *A HEART FOR GOD*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 6:45; 24:25-27,32; and Jeremiah 24:7  
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 863, 885; 652)

**SERMON** *Believing Hearts* Martin Lifer

**INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST**

**\*EASTER HYMN 269** *He Lives* ACKLEY

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** (Choir) *Hallelujah Chorus* Handel

**POSTLUDE** (Jennifer Blackbourn, Organ) *Fanfare for a Resurrection Day* Scott

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**Deacon of the Month:** Jay Cook

**Today's Ushers:** 8:30 – Bill Crumpton; 11:00 – Jack Cook, Jack Atkins

**Today's Greeters:** 8:30 – Rusty and Sheree Bouchillon; 11:00 – Jim and Gail Long

### *Visiting with Us?*

We warmly welcome you to our worship of God. We hope you can be back in worship with us on upcoming Sundays and also connect with other study and fellowship opportunities at FPC. To learn more about faith in Jesus Christ, church membership, and/or opportunities to learn and serve at FPC, please speak to Pastor Lifer following the service,... or you may call the church office or send an email note.

Visitors - including MSU and other students - *and* FPC Members  
If you need to update your information or let us know of Prayer Requests -  
please complete a *FIRSTConnect* Card ... and place it in the Offering or in one of our  
*FIRSTConnect* boxes inside the Sanctuary entranceways.



**Next Sunday, April 8 - Get Your Plaid on... or other national faith & family vestments, and come prepared for our annual *Kirkin' o' the***

***Tartans* - as a special celebration and time of family blessing in each of our morning services. Bagpiper**

Tim Gordon will play “*Amazing Grace*” and other music of our faith heritage at both morning services.

**NOT SCOT? NO PROBLEM:** Everyone is invited to participate, and the *kirkin'* will not be limited to Scot tartans. Members and visitors from all other backgrounds are invited to bring forward in the services other family-of-faith items (e.g., Family Bibles, crosses, or items bearing family seals).



The *Easter Lily Offering Bulletin Insert* recognizes all those in whose honor and memory members and friends have given Easter Lilies for our worship to the glory of God and of the Risen Christ this Easter. As indicated on the Easter Lily Order Form and in our appeal last month, the surplus (above the cost of the lilies) from the Lily Gifts is going toward our Mission Outreach goal of supporting Mission India ministers beginning new congregations in India. Today, we share a wonderful Good News report: Between (a) the surplus of the Easter Lily gifts and (b) some members' generous giving toward this Easter Lily Mission Cause - we have received enough funds to provide fully through Mission India for the training of one of the Indian pastors we will be supporting this year to begin and new congregation for new Christians in India!



### Week of April 1, 2018

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunrise Service &amp; Breakfast</b>
	<b>8:30a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall)</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> (The Church Office open through Holy Week, including Good Friday, to prepare for worship services, but is closed on the Monday following Easter Sunday.)	
	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 Fellowship Dinner
	5:50 p.m.	Adult Bible Studies, 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>	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Christian Education Bldg.)

#### Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner

**Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m.** This Wednesday's Dinner: Pork Loin (by Gary Bardwell), Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Banana Pudding. There is NO Chef Salad option for the month of April. 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.*

#### CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK

April 3 – Loren Zimmerman

April 5 – Billy Harrington

**Joining in Sympathy and Prayers for the Forbes Family.** Please continue to join us in prayers for, and expressions of sympathy to Richard and Bettye Forbes, together with their family – following the death of Richard's brother, James R. Forbes (MSU graduate and Drill Team – more recently of Chattam, AL) on Thursday, March 22. Services will be tomorrow at the First UMC in Chattam.

#### FPC Prayer Lists

Chloe Hardin  
Hawkins Murdock  
Jay, Gary and Janet Bardwell  
Thomas Guest (Charlie and Rubye Guest's grandson)  
Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware  
Diane Daniels, together with her sister, Delores Irvin, and Sarah Helen McCloskey (Daniels' family friend) -PA  
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)



#### Additional 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  
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  
Lu Graham (Jane Zitta's sister) – The Hermitage, Richmond, Virginia

# First PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE

**A Congregation in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church –  
A Global Movement of Evangelical Christians**



**Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life  
He who believes in Me, even though he dies, will live; and  
whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?' [John 11:25-26]**

## Resurrection Sunday

**First Sunday in Easter Season  
April 1, 2018**

**Easter Sunrise Service | 6:30 a.m. (Robinson Lake)**

**Easter Traditional Worship Service | 8:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

**Sunday School | 9:45 a.m.**

**Fellowship Gathering | 10:30 a.m. (Eastside Courtyards)**

**Easter Traditional Worship Service | 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**