

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS SERVICES ON THE  
SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER SEASON

APRIL 8, 2018

GATHERING MUSIC AND PRELUDE (Tim Gordon, bagpipes – Sanctuary Steps)

WELCOME; INTRODUCING NEW FPC MEMBERS (11:00 - Martin Lifer)

Maggie Cresswell  
Thomas Gregory and Ann Marie Gregory  
Christie Jones Lawrence  
Tyler Wolfe and Katelyn Bryant Wolfe, *together with their daughters* –  
Abigail Claire & Madeline Grace Wolfe

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*From The (Westminster) Larger Catechism* (11:00 – Mary Martin Fair)

Mary Martin Fair: What is the Word of God?

**ALL: The holy Bible, made up of the Old and New Testaments, is the Word of God. It is the only authority for faith and obedience.**

Mary Martin Fair: What evidence is there that the Bible is the Word of God?

**ALL: The Bible clearly shows that it is the Word of God by its majesty and purity; by the agreement of all its parts; by its unified aim to give all glory to God; and by its illuminating power to convince and convert sinners and to comfort and build up believers unto salvation. However, only the Spirit of God – testifying by and with the Bible in our hearts – can completely persuade us that it is truly the Word of God.**

\* PLACING OF GOD'S WORD Beadle Jim Long

\* INVOCATION

\*KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

\*HYMN 456 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION  
Tim Gordon, bagpipes

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS *I'm in the Lord's Army!*

(11:00 – 2 and 3's and 4K-5K Choirs, Kathy McGill and Vivian Cade Directing)

PRAYER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Bonar

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

OFFERTORY *More Love to Thee* arr. J. Koerts  
Michelle Rackley (8:30); Marquita Beaty (11:00)

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

## GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SERMON SERIES *FPC Starkville – A Heart for God!*

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:11  
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 512)

SERMON *I Have Treasured Your Word in My Heart* Martin Lifer

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

\*HYMN 104 *Amazing Grace* NEW BRITAIN

\*BENEDICTION Martin Lifer

RECESSIONAL RESPONSE (Tim Gordon, bagpipes)

POSTLUDE (Tim Gordon, bagpipes – Sanctuary Steps)

Come and welcome our new FPC members at the front of the Sanctuary entrance steps.

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

Deacon of the Month: Jay Cook

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

Today's Greeters: 8:30 – Carolyn Coleman; 11:00 – Jim and Gail Long

Having trouble hearing the sermon? We have portable units that are connected to our sound system. Please see an usher about getting one of these devices for use during the service.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Martha Wade and in loving memory of her husband and her son, Clyde and Pat Wade.

The rose and cradle cross are placed today in thanksgiving for the birth on Monday, April 2, 2018, of Henry Lawrence Harrington to Zack and Hunter Harrington.

*Please also join in our continued sympathies to, and our prayers on behalf of:*

– The family of FPC member Jane Scott, following Jane's death on March 31, 2018.

– Richard and Bettye Forbes, following the death of Richard's brother, James R. Forbes.

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

Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m. This Wednesday's Dinner: Chicken Enchiladas, Green Salad, Butter Beans, Bread, Chocolate Cake. 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.*

### 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 Nancy Lifer (in the Parlor)

*FirstConnect 201 Learning Opportunity*

led by Pastor Lifer

with special guest and featured speaker this week:

Dr. Garth Gilmore of Christ Church, Jerusalem

(Meet in the Chapel, beginning 5:55 p.m.)

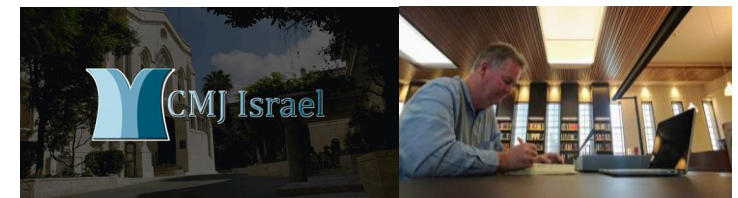
ALSO, Join our Chancel Choir, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Rehearsal



## 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 a note to him via email (mwlfier3@gmail.com).

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 entranceways to help us know you are with us (*and to follow up on ministry connections or prayer requests you may have by as well*).



We also welcome today to FPC Dr. Garth Gilmore.

Dr. Gilmore is a archaeologist (Ancient Near Eastern/ "Biblical" Archeology) who earned a Masters Degree at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and his doctorate at Oxford University. He has excavated at a number of sites in Cyprus and Israel – including the ancient Philistine city of Ashkelon, as well as the historic "City of David" area of Jerusalem.

Garth now lives and works in Jerusalem. He serves with Christ Church (Anglican), the oldest Protestant Church in the Old City of Jerusalem, and, specifically, is the Executive Director of CMJ.

CMJ has been in Israel since the 1830s serving a three-fold purpose:

- (1) To inform the Gentile Church of the Jewish roots of our Christian faith;
- (2) To serve and honor the Jewish people by being a presence in the Land; and
- (3) To seek the spiritual restoration of the Jewish people.

Come hear Garth this Wednesday night at *FirstConnect 201* and learn more about (a) a few highlights of his archeological work, and – especially – (b) about the current ministry of CMJ and of Christ Church in Jerusalem. We meet in the Chapel at 5:55 p.m.

### Deadline in 1 week for scholarship applications!

The FPC Women's Ministries is again offering scholarships to a deserving student (male or female) from our congregation this spring. Applications are available in the church office, and are due in the office by NEXT Monday, April 16, at noon. If you have questions about the Women's Ministry Award Scholarship, please contact Jane Vemer at 662-324-8316 ([jvemeg@gmail.com](mailto:jvemeg@gmail.com)) or another member of the Women's Ministry Coordinating Team.

## Week of April 8, 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

Albert Clark  
Dolph Bryan  
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)

### 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  
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

## 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 April 22, 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, Meeting Places, and Leaders

Tuesday, April 10, 6 pm, Location Parlor – Chairman Orly Hardin

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

Second Sunday, 8am, Parlor – Chairman Lynda Forbus

Second Monday, 1:30 pm, Parlor – Chairman Kay McReynolds

Second Tuesday, 6 pm, Location Parlor – Chairman Orly Hardin

Third Monday, 7 pm, Location TBA – Chairman Amy Aarhus

Please join the Women's Ministry in **providing meals for Zack and Hunter Harrington** on the birth on their son, Henry. Go to the link below to choose a date to bring a meal.

<https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=OPRR6513&welcome=1>

**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

Apr 10 – Caitlin Rackley

Apr 12 – Ross Collins

## FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team

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### Office Hours

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