

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER SEASON
APRIL 15, 2018

PRELUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. J. Koerts
Marquita Beaty

WELCOME

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 118:20-24

Pastor: This is the LORD's gate; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank You, that You have answered me, and have become my salvation.

ALL: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Pastor: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

ALL: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*INVOCATION

*HYMN 13 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Verses from Psalm 51

(Unison) **Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Please hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to You. Deliver me from bloodguilt, O God – O God of my salvation – and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.**

SILENT PRAYERS

GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI

COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *Let Us Break Bread Together*

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH From the Westminster Confession of Faith

Worthy receivers, physically partaking of the visible substances of this sacrament, do then also by faith actually and in fact, but not physically or bodily, spiritually receive and feed on Christ crucified and on all the benefits of his death.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 THE DOXOLOGY

*GIVING TO GOD: TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* arr. J. Raney
Marquita Beaty

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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

Deacon of the Month: Jay Cook

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

Today's Greeters: 8:30 – Susan Gamel; 11:00 – Jim and Gail Long

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

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

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 10:34-35,39; Galatians 5:1
Exodus 20:1-3; John 8:30-36**
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 815; 974; 61; 894)

SERMON *Hearts Set Free Follow the Liberator* Martin Lifer

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

GOD'S WORD SEALED: SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE FOR BAPTIZED MEMBERS OF HIS LARGER CHURCH

THE LORD'S WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

We invite all who receive from the bread and then the cup to wait – in each case – until all have been served, and then to partake at the same time as other worshippers are partaking.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 419 *Jesus Calls Us Over the Tumult* GALILEE

*BENEDICTION Martin Lifer

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

POSTLUDE *Thine Is the Glory* arr. Hayes
Marquita Beaty

**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 Aunt Florence "Honey" Leopold.



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 (mwlifer3@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.



Congratulations to Our Spring 2018 Worship & Communion Class Members and Their Teacher, Janice Kinard. Some who have completed the class will be joining us in sharing from the Lord's Table today. We then look ahead to their future participation in the full Confirmation Program.

Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m. This Wednesday's Dinner: Pot Roast, Rice and Gravy, Lima Beans, 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.*

Join Friends & Family Wednesday Night for Prayers and Further Discussion – As we humbly thank God our Savior for the groundbreaking and nationally significant decision by the Supreme Court of Mississippi issued Thursday afternoon, April 12, in favor of FPC Starkville in the case of *Presbytery of St. Andrew v. FPC Starkville*. Let us repentantly and humbly pray that all brothers and sisters will come home to the unity of Christ alone as Lord – finding the resolution and peace of yielding to his infallible, gracious Word and Will.

Pictorial Directory Photographs are here!

The photos from the first photography session are here. If you were photographed on March 1-3, please see Peggy Branch today in the Fellowship Hall after the 8:30 service or during the fellowship time, or come by the church office during the week, to get your photos. (Photos from the second session, Mar 25-26, will be here at the end of the month.)

Opportunity to Pray for (and to Support Financially) Young Adult Member & MSU Student Jack Burton in a Summer Mission-Learning Experience:

Church Family and Friends – Please read the following update from Jack Burton, a "child of our church" who is now a Young Adult Member growing in his faith and considering a future calling as a Biblical Christian counselor. Jack has been accepted to participate in a summer mission-learning experience in East Asia with CRU. Please remember Jack in prayer, and, if God leads you to do so, in providing further support.

Dr. Lifer, Over the summer I will be traveling to East Asia for 6 weeks where my team and I will be participating in a language course on a college campus. The goal of the trip is to use this language course to introduce us and enable us to make lasting relationships with the people (in particular the other students) there. By spending time with them we hope to introduce them to Jesus and the great joy that you and I have in Him!
You may mail a check, made out to "Cru", to 109 Josey Ave, Starkville, MS 39759 if you feel led to give. You may also give online at www.give.cru.org/1001482
Gratefully in Christ's service, Jack

Deadline TOMORROW for scholarship applications!

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

Week of April 15, 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

Cissy Knoll Thomas (Libby Gill's mother) Stuttgart, AR
 Albert Clark and Carol Clark (Albert Clark's sister)
 Dolph Bryan
 Chloe Hardin
 Hawkins Murdock
 Diane Daniels, together with her sister, Delores Irvin, and Sarah Helen McCloskey (Daniels' family friend) -PA
 Jay, Gary and Janet Bardwell
 Thomas Guest (Charlie and Rubye Guest's grandson)
 Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
 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
 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 Prayer List for Health Care / Assisted Living

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

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 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 17 – Paula Ivey Apr 19 – Bob Boyd
 Casserole Kitchen host needed by next month for the **SECOND TUESDAY** of each month.
 Please speak to Rex Buffington or Loren Zimmerman about volunteering. If you miss them at FPC today, you may send an email to loren.zimmerman@yahoo.com

FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team

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Visit Our Website for Ministry Resources and News

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