

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER SEASON
APRIL 22, 2018

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. C. Berry
Marquita Beaty

WELCOME

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Daniel 7:27*

Pastor: And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High.

ALL: His kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.

*INVOCATION

*HYMN 383 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

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)

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

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH *From the Westminster Confession of Faith*

In order to gather and perfect the saints in this life until the end of the world, Christ has given the ministry, Scriptures, and ordinances of God to his universal, visible church. By his own presence and Spirit, He enables the church to function in this way, according to his promise.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 THE DOXOLOGY

*GIVING TO GOD: HIS TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *I Stand Amazed* arr. C. E. Walz
Marquita Beaty

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by George and Peggy Bennett in memory of Sara Bennett, Robert Regl, Bobby Dent, and Cordelia Bealor.

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 – Jane Vemer; 11:00 – Jim and Gail Long

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

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

SCRIPTURE **John 21:15-22**
(ESV Pew Bible p. 907)

SERMON *Hearts for Teamwork and Shepherding* Martin Lifer

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

*HYMN 391 *We Are Called to Be God's People* AUSTRIAN HYMN

*BENEDICTION Martin Lifer

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

POSTLUDE *Rejoice the Lord is King* arr. L. Shackley
Marquita Beaty

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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 (mwlfifer3@gmail.com).

FIRSTConnect Cards!

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.

JOIN THE TEAM!

FPC members, if you are not already part of a one of our five Ministry Teams (through participating in a ministry group or committee connected with one of our five teams) - It's time to get with your team! Please speak with the officer(s) listed for the team to which God may be calling you,... or speak with Pastor Lifer or our Church Office with initial questions. Also, feel free to speak directly with Craig Aarhus about Choir & Music or with Ashleigh Murdock about Children's Ministry.

May you know the blessing of serving in Christ's mission through FPC's ministries!

EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM (Allen Johnson; Peggy Johnson)

OUTREACH MISSION TEAM (Jack Forbus; Joel Downey; Tabor Mullen)

SHEPHERDING MINISTRY TEAM (Orly Hardin; Peggy Branch)

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (Cecelia Cook; Vivian Cade - Ushers & Greeters)

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM (Bob Daniels; Edward Kemp)

ALL of the Pictorial Directory Photographs are here!

The photos from BOTH photography sessions have arrived. Please come by the church office during the week, to get your photos. Peggy Branch will also have the photos available on Wednesday at F&F and NEXT week in the Fellowship Hall after the 8:30 service or during the Fellowship Gathering, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Everyone
Please join us for our

FPC Children's Choirs' Spring Music Program



This Wednesday, 6:00-6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Make Your Reservations for this Semester's Final Friends & Family Dinner
Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m. This Wednesday's Dinner: Ham, Purple Hull Peas, Cream Corn, Cornbread, 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.*

DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER - Sunday, May 6

Over the next two weeks, please help us provide Diapers & Wipes for FPC members, Drs. Peyton and Catherine Fandel, who are expecting the birth of their first child this summer. You may bring diapers and/or diaper-wipe packs to the Diapers & Wipes Tub in the Fellowship Hall over the next two Sundays, or bring your contributions to the Church Office during weekday Office Hours. Then, please plan to join us on **May 6, during our Fellowship Gathering (10:30-10:50 a.m.)** in Fellowship Hall for our Diapers & Wipes Shower for the Fandels.



Happy 100th Birthday, Boswell Kennard!!

Boswell Kennard's family invites you, his church family, to join them in celebrating his 100th Birthday!

Sunday, May 6th at 2:00pm
Oktoc Community Center

NO gifts, but cards are welcome!
Cards may also be sent to his home:

Boswell Kennard
693 Kennard Road
Starkville, MS 39759



Congratulations and Thanksgiving for Forrest and Andrea Blackburn! We join with Richard and Jennifer Blackburn in joyful thanksgiving: Last night, in Dalton, GA, Dr. Forrest Maddux Blackburn and Andrea Joy Dobbins were wed.

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

The following update is from Jack Burton, a "child of our church" who is now a Young Adult Member. 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

Week of April 22, 2018

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| 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.) |

Cradle Crosses Needed for Babies on the Way!! Any Craftsmen out there?
 To commemorate births in our church family, we have been ordering wooden cradle crosses from a company that has recently closed. We are looking for a new supplier for these beautiful crosses. Is there a member of our church who enjoys wood-working who would like to produce these for us? Please let Pastor Lifer know, or call the church office.

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

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| <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 TODAY, April 22, 12:30 p.m.

Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate

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| <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 24 – Rex Buffington Apr 26 – Richard and Jennifer Blackburn
 Casserole Kitchen host needed by next month for the **SECOND TUESDAY** of each month.
Please speak to Loren Zimmerman about volunteering. If you miss him at FPC today, you may send an email to loren.zimmerman@yahoo.com

FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team

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Worship Service | 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School | 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Gathering | 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.

Visit Our Website for Ministry Resources and News
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.