

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER SEASON
APRIL 29, 2018

PRELUDE *Sonata in A* Gasparini
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME
THANKSGIVING FOR THE MINISTRY OF KIRK KINARD AND ALEXIS THIBEDEAUX

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE Martin Lifer

CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Hebrews 4:15-16

Pastor: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

ALL: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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.

GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE

***HYMN 163** *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* WONDERFUL GRACE

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS *Siyahamba ("Marching in the Light of God")*

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

Our Children's Choirs invite the congregation to join in the refrain:

Marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God!

PRAYER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Schrader

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** *from the (Westminster) Larger Catechism, Q. 194*

Pastor: For what do we pray in the fifth request [of "The Lord's Prayer"]: **(Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.)?**

ALL: In the fifth request, we acknowledge that we and everyone else are guilty both of original sin and actual sins and are therefore debtors to God's justice, and that neither we nor any other created being can make the least satisfaction for that debt. We pray then, for ourselves and for others, that – of his free grace, and through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, which is grasped and applied to us by faith – God would acquit us from the guilt and punishment of sin;

accept us in the One he loves; continue his favor and grace to us; forgive our daily sins; and fill us with the peace and joy that come from the daily gift of growing assurance of being forgiven.

We may more boldly make this request and be encouraged to expect to be forgiven when and if we are assured in ourselves that we have genuinely – from the heart – forgiven others who have wronged us.

**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.

*** HYMN 668** *THE DOXOLOGY*

***GIVING TO GOD: HIS TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Howlett
Jennifer Blackburn

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

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

SCRIPTURE **Mark 11:25**
Luke 23:33-34; Ephesians 4:30-32
(ESV Pew Bible p. 847, 884, 978)

SERMON *Graceful Heart (Part 1)* Martin Lifer

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

****HYMN 536** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

***BENEDICTION** Martin Lifer

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

POSTLUDE *A Cheerful Trumpet* Harris
Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

+We invite you to place in one of the baskets at the front of the Chancel – **during the closing hymn or following the service** – your **Two-Cents-a-Meal Special Offering** for this month – to be used to (1) defray FPC's costs in hosting the Casserole Kitchen Mission on Tuesday and Thursday nights AND (2) support for FPC's other benevolence missions.

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

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Kirk Randall Kinard's graduation from Bagley College of Engineering, Mississippi State University. We appreciate the prayers and Christian foundation of FPC's family throughout his life. Praise be to the Lord, Jesus Christ, Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Kinard

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.

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)

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.

DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER - Next Sunday

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. Bring diapers and/or diaper-wipe packs (a) to the Church Office during Office Hours this week or (b) to the Diapers & Wipes Tub in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday by 10:35 a.m., Then, please plan to join us **NEXT Sunday, May 6, during our Fellowship Gathering (10:30-10:50 a.m.)** in Fellowship Hall for our Diapers & Wipes Shower for the Fandels.



Help Celebrate the 100th Birthday of Longtime FPC Member Boswell Kennard - Next Sunday as Well!



Pastor Martin and Nancy Lifer with Boswell for his 99th Birthday Celebration last year.

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

**Sunday, May 6th at 2:00p.m.,
Oktoc Community Center**

NO gifts, but cards are welcome! Cards may also be sent to his home:
693 Kennard Road, Starkville, MS 39759

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 TODAY in the Fellowship Hall after the 8:30 service or during the Fellowship Gathering, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Week of April 29, 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:	6:00 p.m.	Adult Chancel 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
Nancy Lifer
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 June 10, 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

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

May 1 – Loren Zimmerman May 3 – Billy Harrington

We would like to thank Rebecca Banzhaf for accepting the position as Casserole Kitchen host for the SECOND TUESDAY of each month.

If you are interested in volunteering with Casserole Kitchen, please speak to Loren Zimmerman today, or contact him by email – 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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Office Hours

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