

**FPC FOUNDERS' DAY & ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**

Today, we come before the Lord in a special Day of Thanksgiving for the 197th Anniversary of the inaugural

Sunday worship service on May 6, 1821, of the Mayhew Mission that led to our congregation.



Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury, from Massachusetts, was Founding Pastor of the mission and the mission-church.



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

**FPC FOUNDERS' & ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY  
(SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER SEASON)  
MAY 6, 2018**

**PRELUDE** Festive Voluntary Lau Jennifer Blackburn

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT** (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 90:1-2  
Pastor: O Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
ALL: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world – from everlasting to everlasting – You are God!

**INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*HYMN 122** O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

**GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN** Amy Aarhus (11:00)

**\*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.

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

*\*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.

**ANTHEM** (11:00 -Chancel Choir) Precious Lord, Still Our Refuge Bedford

**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: HIS TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** Grace Greater than Our Sin arr. McDonald Jennifer Blackburn

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

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

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 6:35-38; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (ESV Pew Bible p. 862, 966)

**SERMON** Graceful Heart (Part 2) Martin Lifer

**FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD IN FAITH AND WITNESS**

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

**\*HYMN 83** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

**\*BENEDICTION** Martin Lifer

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

**POSTLUDE** A Joyful Celebration Harris Jennifer Blackburn

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**Deacon of the Month:** Vivian Cade  
**Today's Ushers:** 8:30 –Bob Boyd; 11:00 – Sonny Stuart, Peyton Fandel  
**Today's Greeters:** 8:30 – Priscilla Boyd; 11:00 – Patsy Stuart, Catherine Fandel

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by the family of **Boswell Kennard**, recognizing his 100th birthday today, and in memory of his loving wife of 65 years, Margaret McWillie Kennard, life member and former President of FPC's Women of the Church.

**Celebrate the 100th Birthday of Longtime Member Boswell Kennard!**  
**Boswell Kennard's** family also invites you, his church family, to join them in celebrating his **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday TODAY!** This afternoon, 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



FPC's Joe and Carol Mobley with Boswell at the MSU-A&M baseball game this Saturday evening, April 28, at which Boswell threw the "first pitch."

**DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER.** Join us **TODAY, during our Fellowship Gathering (10:30-10:50 a.m.)** in Fellowship Hall for our Diapers & Wipes Shower for members **Peyton and Catherine Fandel.**

**Sermon – Scripture Highlights and Notes:**

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful...Forgive and you will be forgiven. Lk 6:36, 37b

For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. Lk 6:38b

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 2 Cor 5:20

**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).

**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 Us Next Sunday During Our Fellowship Gathering Time (10:30 – 10:50 a.m.) Outside on Our East Courtyard & Porticos**



For Our **Ascension Sunday/ Mothers' Day Brunch** and Our Annual **Ascension Sunday Balloon Release** Celebration with Our Children

**Bank Draft Your Monthly or Semi-Monthly Offering**

Do you sometimes forget to write your offering check or forget to bring it to church with you on Sunday? Did you know that you can have your offering drafted directly from your account on a monthly or semi-monthly basis? Contact Rita Usher in the church office 662-323-1994, info@fpcstarkville.org, if you are interested in creating an automatic draft for your regular offering.



<b>Week of May 6, 2018</b>		
<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>	6:00 p.m.	Adult Chancel 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

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 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

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

Jack has been accepted to participate in a summer mission-learning experience in East Asia with CRU. Please remember Jack in prayer, and, if an as God leads, further support. 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](http://www.give.cru.org/1001482)

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

Women's Bible Study: Pick a session that is most convenient for you and come join us to study the word of God. Also a great way to make new friends.

May 13 - Sunday 8:00 A.M. Church Parlor - Linda Forbus Chairman 601-416-2536  
 May 14 - Monday 1:30 P.M. Church Parlor - Kay McReynolds Chairman 662-418-4694  
 May 15 - Tuesday 6:00 P.M. TBA - Orly Hardin 662-418-3139  
 May 21 - Monday Eve. 6:30 P.M. - Amy Aarhus Chairman - At Amy's home 108 Hiwassee Dr. 662-722-2304

### 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 8 – Rebecca Banzhaf May 10 – Ross Collins

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](mailto:loren.zimmerman@yahoo.com)

### FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team

<b>Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer, Pastor</b>	<a href="mailto:mwlifer3@gmail.com">mwlifer3@gmail.com</a>
<b>Rita Usher, Pastoral Secretary</b>	<a href="mailto:info@fpcstarkville.org">info@fpcstarkville.org</a>
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<b>Dr. Craig Aarhus, Music Director</b>	<a href="mailto:aarhus@bellsouth.net">aarhus@bellsouth.net</a>
<b>Jennifer Blackbourn, Organist</b>	<a href="mailto:jenniferblackbourn@hotmail.com">jenniferblackbourn@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Kathy McGill, Children's Choir Director</b>	<a href="mailto:katherinemcgill@hotmail.com">katherinemcgill@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Ellen Mauldin, Church Librarian</b>	<a href="mailto:mem3@bellsouth.net">mem3@bellsouth.net</a>
<b>Amanda Corley, Child Care Director</b>	<a href="mailto:fpccdirector@fpcstarkville.org">fpccdirector@fpcstarkville.org</a>

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Visit Our Website for Ministry Resources and News

**[www.fpcstarkville.org](http://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.**