

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 20, 2018

PRELUDE *Presto from Sonata in C Minor* Pescetti
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME Freddie Rasberry
MINISTRY NEWS AND INVITATION Amy Aarhus

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 98:1-2

Dr. Rasberry: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

ALL: His right hand and holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The LORD has made known his salvation: He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

***HYMN 336** *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION AND INTERCESSION Freddie Rasberry

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 FORGIVENESS IN CHRIST

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

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Freddie Rasberry (8:30); Kirk Kinard (11:00)

ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir)

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** from The Westminster Confession of Faith (Chapter 34)

ALL: By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit all believers being vitally united to Christ, Who is the head are thus united one to another in the church, which is his body. He calls and anoints ministers for their holy office, qualifies all other officers in the church for their special work, and imparts various gifts and graces to its members. He gives efficacy to the word and to the ordinances of the gospel. By Him the church will be preserved, increased, purified, and at last made perfectly holy in the presence of God.

***RESPONSIVE HYMN 668** *THE DOXOLOGY*

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

OFFERTORY *Spirit of God, Descend on My Heart* arr. Keveren
Jennifer Blackburn

**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: Vivian Cade

Today's Ushers: 8:30 –Bob Boyd; 11:00 – Sonny Stuart, Peyton Fandel

Today's Greeters: 8:30 – Carolyn Coleman; 11:00 – Patsy Stuart, Catherine Fandel

Red Geraniums are provided today to the Glory of God on this Pentecost Sunday.

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Acts 1 and 2, *selected verses*
(ESV Pew Bible p. 909-911)

SERMON *Power Unleashed!* Pastor Bob Wilbur

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD IN FAITH AND WITNESS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND OF TRUST IN GOD'S GRACE

***HYMN 348** *Ye Servants of God* LYONS

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Bob Wilbur

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

POSTLUDE *Variation on "Arfon"* Giamanco
Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

This morning:

- **Pastor Martin Lifer is preaching at the 20th Anniversary of the Chartering the Parkway Church (EPC) in Georgia.** Dr. Lifer was the church planter (1997-98) and founding pastor (1998-2007) for Parkway – which received the Walton Grant Award in 2002 as one of leading new churches in the country.

- We welcome our **Guest Preacher, the Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) Wilbur.** Pastor Wilbur recently retired after his final full-time pastorate at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Columbus, where he served for 18 years. He and his wife, Barbara, have been married for 54 years, and they have three children and two grandchildren. Pastor Wilbur holds an A.B. from Syracuse University, a B.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a D.Min. from Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando. He has been in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) since 1984 and before that in the Presbyterian Church, US.

- Worshiping with us at our 11:00 a.m. Service is **Ben Jackson, our incoming Assistant Minister for FPC's CCO University Ministry Outreach.** While we are welcoming Ben to our staff and mission team as we move into summer, Ben is simply in town this week for a few days. He will be away from Starkville for the much of the next two months – primarily engaged in CCO (Coalition for Christian Outreach) ministry training and team building. Ben and Allison will then be moving to Starkville in the latter half of the summer to begin his full-time work in Starkville with us at FPC in CCO University Ministry outreach.



You are Invited!

White/Dunlap Wedding This Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dunlap cordially invite all members and friends of our church to attend the marriage of their son, **William Michael (Will) Dunlap, to Kayla Elizabeth White, this Saturday, May 26, 6 p.m., in our sanctuary and to join them at the reception at The Mill after the wedding service.**



Fellowship Group for Members Age 60 and up - Kick-off Meeting Thursday:

Please join us this Thursday, May 24, 11:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall, for a Kick-off meeting for a new fellowship group for members age 60 and up. We will have lunch, fellowship, hear your ideas on activities for the future, and come up with a new name for our group! Put on your thinking caps, and come ready to brainstorm!

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 call Pastor Lifer this week at the church office or send a note to him via email (mwlifer3@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.

VBS 2018 Sign-Up is Open

at fpcstarkville.org or go to this web site for registration:
www.vbspro.events/p/fpc2018vbs

SHIPWRECKED! RESCUED BY JESUS

For children Ages 4 years-old thru Rising 6th graders

June 11-14, 2018; 8:30-11:30 a.m. at FPC

Join us for VBS Kickoff and Summer Fellowship

June 10, 4:30 p.m. at Robinson Lake

Want to Help at VBS this year?? Contact Ashleigh Murdock at 662-312-9884 or aabmurdock@gmail.com to volunteer to help with VBS.



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.

Pianists or Other Instrumental Musicians: Use Your Gift to Play Christian Music Prior to the 11:00 a.m. Service on a Sunday this Summer. We have several openings on summer Sundays for playing the pre-service music at the Sanctuary Piano (or on your instrument of choice which you could bring), 10:45-55 a.m. If you would like to serve the Lord and use your gift in helping with our preparation for worship, please speak with Jennifer Blackburn today, or contact her via email – jenniferblackbourn@hotmail.com.

TEJERAS MEAL SPONSORS (*Mission meal for children in Tejeras, Honduras*)

May 23 – For the Glory of God by the Birthday Group
May 25 – Anonymous Supporters - for the Glory of God and encouragement for Jack Burton's summer mission.

If you would like to sponsor a Tejeras Meal in 2018, please send a check for \$80 made out to Honduras Agape Foundation to Michele Rackley, PO Box 826, Starkville, MS 39760, or in the church office, or you may place your check in the Offering.

Week of May 20, 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.)

Prayer List

Hawkins Murdock
 Mike Dawson
 Myles Carpenter
 Shirley Randle
 Jay, Gary and Janet Bardwell
 Thomas Guest (Charlie and Rubye Guest's grandson)
 Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
 Chloe Hardin
 Jack Burton
 Nancy Lifer
 Carol Clark (Albert Clark's sister)
 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)
 Cissy Knoll Thomas (Libby Gill's mother) Stuttgart, AR
 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

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)
 Women's Bible Study: Please join us to study the word of God. Also a great way to make new friends.
 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 15 – Rex Buffington May 17 – Richard and Jennifer Blackburn

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