

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

**TRINITY SUNDAY AND
THE SUNDAY CELEBRATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEDICATION OF OUR FPC SANCTUARY**

MAY 27, 2018

PRELUDE *Fantasy on "When Morning Gilds the Skies"* Barr
Jennifer Blackbourn, organ

WELCOME AND FPC MINISTRY UPDATES

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Ephesians 4:4-6

Pastor: There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

ALL: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all – Who is over all and through all and in all.

*** INVOCATION & PRAISE**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 68** *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED DEFENDING OUR FREEDOM, AND
THANKSGIVING FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND FELLOW SERVICE MEMBERS**

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.

***HYMN 641** (vv.3-4) *America, the Beautiful* MATERNA

ANTHEM (Chancel Choir/ Dr. Craig Aarhus, Director) *Lord of the Dance* Carter

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

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Unison*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

***CALL FOR GOD'S TITHE AND FURTHER OFFERINGS
PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

OFFERTORY *Open the Eyes of My Heart* arr. Keveren
Jennifer Blackbourn

**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 – Priscilla Boyd; 11:00 – Patsy Stuart, Catherine Fandel

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 31:8-13
(ESV Pew Bible p. 252-53)

SERMON

Faithful to the Fallen and the Future

Martin Lifer

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD IN FAITH AND WITNESS

INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND OF TRUST IN GOD'S GRACE

+*HYMN 660 *Onward, Christian Soldiers* ST. GERTRUDE

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Excerpt from "Athalie"* Mendelssohn
Jennifer Blackbourn

**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.

Congratulations to William Michael (Will) Dunlap and Kayla Elizabeth White Dunlap – who were married last night (May 26) in our Sanctuary in a Wedding Service led by Pastor Lifer. Will is the son of FPC members Mike and Beth Ann Dunlap.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are provided by the **Dunlap and White families to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Will and Kayla.**

We continue to extend sympathies to — and to pray for God's peace and gospel comfort to — new FPC member **Maggie Cresswell** and her family, following the **death of her grandfather, Gerald Matlock** (Hickory, MS), on **Wednesday, May 23**. Services were held Friday at the Union Baptist Church in Meridian. Maggie's grandmother, Mr. Matlock's widow, is Sharon Matlock; Maggie's mother is Cara Matlock Jones (Oxford, MS).

Thank you for all your concern, prayers, meals, visits, cards and most of all, your prayers during our recent illnesses and surgeries. *Myles and June Carpenter*

NEXT SUNDAY, June 3:

HOLY COMMUNION IN 8:30 AND 11 AM SERVICES- We invite all baptized and affirming believers who have previously been approved and prepared to discern and partake of the Body to enter this week of spiritual renewal in seeking to share in the Lord's Supper – including renewal through repentance, through reconciliation to God and to others (particularly fellow believers from whom you may have become estranged), and through trusting in God's grace in all things.

DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER

Lee and Amy Weiskopf are expecting the birth of their second child. **Please bring Diapers and/or Diaper Wipes gifts** to the Church Office this week during Office Hours, and join us next Sunday **during our Fellowship Gathering (10:30-10:50 a.m.)** in the Fellowship Hall for our Diapers & Wipes Shower for the Weiskopfs.



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

May 30 – For the Glory of God by Ellen Mauldin - in honor of Lynlee and Eye Esterling (David Mauldin's twin granddaughters). **June 1** – 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.

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.

Young Adult Visitors or Members: Recently Completed School and Working Now, ... or Are You a Graduate Student?

First Connect with One of Our New Ministry Groups:



FPC's Post-Grad Young Adult Bible Study & Fellowship

Next Meeting: NEXT Tuesday, June 5, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Peyton & Catherine Fandel. Connect by speaking with or contacting **Peyton Fandel, Jack Atkins, or Pastor Lifer.**

**VBS 2018 – June 11-14; 8:30-11:30 a.m.
SHIPWRECKED! RESCUED BY JESUS**



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

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

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

Join Us Sunday, June 10

**4:30-7:00 p.m. at FPC's Robinson Lake for
Our Annual Early Summer Freedom Celebration Fellowship with Children's
Paint Run and Kick-off for Summer VBS**



Week of May 27, 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:	[FPC Office Closed for Our National Memorial Day]	
	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.)

Bank Draft Your Monthly or Semi-Monthly Offering

Do you sometimes forget to write your offering check or forget to bring it to church 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, to set up an automatic draft for your regular offering.

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
Jack Burton
Nancy Lifer
Carol Clark (Albert Clark's sister)
Diane Daniels, her sister, Delores Irvin, and Sarah Helen McCloskey (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
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

Notice of the Dedication of our FPC Sanctuary 80 years ago, on May 22, 1938.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Starkville, Mississippi

THE DEDICATORY SERVICE

On May 22, the First Presbyterian Church Building of Starkville, Mississippi was dedicated. The Dedicatory Program, as arranged by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Frist, included a Praise Service Saturday night, May 21, followed by a reception in the basement of the church. At the Praise Service the pastors of the other churches in town spoke a few congratulatory words and the choirs from the Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal churches contributed special musical numbers. Mrs. J. T. Owen, our church historian, read a history of the church, and Mr. Fred Powers, Chairman of the Building Committee, gave a report of the work of his committee. The Church building was completed in 1924, at a cost of approximately \$60,000.00, and dedicated in 1938, free from all outstanding obligations.

Sunday morning, Rev. U. S. Gordon, D. D., former pastor of the church and now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville, Florida, preached the sermon. The church was filled to capacity and a

loud speaker was installed in the basement to take care of the overflow crowd. After the morning service, dinner was served in the basement to about five hundred persons. At 2:30 Rev. R. S. Woodson, former pastor of the church, and now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Tupelo, Miss., preached the Dedicatory Sermon. After the notes and bonds of the indebtedness were burned by H. P. Castles and W. D. Rankin, the church building was presented to the Session by G. R. Sipe, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, and accepted by H. S. Johnson, Clerk of the Session. The pastor of the church, Rev. J. C. Frist, led the Dedicatory Responsive Service and prayer.

Many former members, who are now located in other southern cities, were present with us for this happy occasion in our church life. The Congregation appreciated the presence of Rev. Woodson and Rev. Gordon. Their splendid sermons will be long remembered in this community.

CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK

May 22 – Loren Zimmerman May 29 – Loren Zimmerman

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