

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

**JUNE 17, 2018  
FATHER'S DAY**

**PRELUDE** *Glory and Grace* Schram  
Jennifer Blackburn

**WELCOME AND FPC MINISTRY UPDATES  
FPC WOMEN'S MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO JENNIFER BLACK**

**INTROIT** (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** from Matthew 28:18-20 (The Great Commission)  
**INVOCATION & PRAISE** Martin Lifer

**VOWS AND COMMISSIONING OF ERNIE GEORGE & JAMES LONG AS FPC'S  
FIRST VOTING ELDER-COMMISSIONERS TO EPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**COMMISSIONING OF KIRK KINARD AS FPC YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR**

**\*HYMN 440** (v.1-2) *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD

**CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)  
Everett Young Kemp, son of Edward and Leah Kemp**

**EDWARD AND LEAH'S PROFESSIONS OF FAITH & COVENANT VOWS**

**\*CONGREGATION'S COVENANTAL VOWS AND AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH**

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED** (Unison) Elder-Sponsor Jim Beaty  
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.

**\*BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION** adapted from the Liturgy of the French Reformed Church  
Everett – For you, Jesus Christ came into the world. For you, He went through the agony of Gethsemane and the darkness of Calvary; for you, He triumphed over death; for you, little child, even though you did not know it. But this is what we believe: "We love God, because He first loved us." So welcome to the family of faith!

**BAPTISM AND BLESSING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIVE SONG** (Unison)  
Child of promise, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too. We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. Child of promise, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too.

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

**GOOD NEWS FROM 2018 FPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MISSION  
VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS WITH GOSPEL MESSAGE (8:30 & 11:00)  
SONG BY SOME OF OUR VBS CHILDREN (11:00)**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING WITH YOUNG CHILDREN** Martin Lifer

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**Deacon of the Month:** Jeremy Murdock  
**Today's Ushers:** 8:30 –George Vemer; 11:00 – Harold Knight; John McReynolds  
**Today's Greeters:** 8:30 – Mary Jane Vemer; 11:00 – Ernie George

**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) *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION AND INTERCESSION** Martin Lifer  
**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 668** *THE DOXOLOGY*

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

**OFFERTORY** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Hayes  
Jennifer Blackburn

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**SCRIPTURE** Proverbs 20:7  
(ESV Pew Bible p. 542)

**SERMON** *Coach Needed  
to Shepherd the Team in the World Series* Martin Lifer

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

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND OF TRUST IN GOD'S GRACE**

**\*HYMN 373** (v.1-3) *Rise Up, O Men of God* ST. THOMAS

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** Jennifer Blackburn

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

We rejoice and thank God the birth on Monday morning, June 10, of Esther Hall Downey, daughter of FPC members Joel and Laura Downey, The cradle cross is placed on the pulpit and the rose on the chancel today in thanksgiving to God for Esther's birth.

We also thank God for the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday today of FPC Elder Emeritus Dero Ramsey, and we rejoice with Dero, Adelaide, and their family. *Happy Birthday, Dero!*

**... and Thank God for His Provision (through Ashleigh Murdock and a Faithful Ministry Team) of a Remarkable VBS Mission Week!**



*Gospel Invitation*



*Singing for Jesus*



**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).

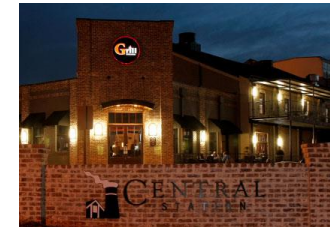
**FIRSTConnect Cards!**

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.

**FPC Women's Fellowship Wednesday Night at The Grill**

All FPC women are invited to **join us for a summer fellowship gathering THIS Wednesday, 5:30 pm., at The Central Station Grill, 200 South Montgomery St. We have reserved the Upstairs Room, and appetizers will be provided.** *If you have any questions, speak to Nancy Lifer today, or contact Rita in the Church Office this week, .... and be with us Wednesday Night!*



**Unified Worship 10:00 a.m. Service for our July Sundays**

Next month we will have a **single, unified Lord's Day Worship Service beginning at 10:00 am each of the five Sundays of July (1, 8, 15, 22 and 29).** In addition, our **Children's and Youth Sunday School** will **NOT** meet during July – to provide a "sabbatical" to our small number of volunteers for Children's and Youth Sunday School; **however, we will provide childcare during the 10:00 am services in July. Beginning Sunday, August 5, we will resume our regular Sunday morning schedule of two services at 8:30 and 11:00 am, and our full Sunday School schedule will be back at 9:45-10:30** on Sunday mornings. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER to teach Children's or Youth Sunday School – this coming fall semester OR during this or next summer – please contact Ashleigh Murdock.

**Ushers and Greeters Needed! Please Choose Your Dates and Volunteer to Serve the Lord on One or More Sundays.**

Our current schedule for Ushers and Greeters Concludes this month. Please access our "Signup Genius" webpage to sign up for Sundays through the end of the year or call Rita at the church office 662-323-1994 or contact Vivian Cade at [cade.vm@gmail.com](mailto:cade.vm@gmail.com).

Sign up for the 8:30 Service: [tinyurl.com/FPC8-30Ushers-Greeters-Aug-Dec](http://tinyurl.com/FPC8-30Ushers-Greeters-Aug-Dec)  
Sign up for the 10:00 a.m. Service in July or the 11:00 a.m. Service Aug.-December: [tinyurl.com/FPC11amUshers-Greeters-Jul-Dec](http://tinyurl.com/FPC11amUshers-Greeters-Jul-Dec)

**DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER NEXT SUNDAY**

**Caleb and Betsy Luke** are expecting the birth of their second child: a little brother for Wade. **Please bring Diapers and/or Wipes** to the Church Office during office hours on weekdays or to the Diapers & Wipes Tub in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday Then, plan to join us in **one week – Sunday, June 24, during our Fellowship Gathering (10:30-10:50 a.m.)** for our Diapers & Wipes Shower for the Luke family.

**Week of June 17, 2018**

<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.)

**CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK**  
 June 19 – Paula Ivey      June 21 – Bob Boyd

**Prayer List**

Carol & Joe Mobley  
 John Michael & Avent VanHorn and Nicholas  
 Shirley Randle  
 Laurin Scales  
 Jay, Gary and Janet Bardwell  
 Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware  
 Billy and Brenda Harrington  
 Jack Burton  
 Pat Cardwell (Emily Daniels' grandmother) - Sylacauga, AL  
 Hawkins Murdock  
 Thomas Guest (grandson of Charlie & Rubye Guest)  
 Lauren Cooper (granddaughter of Wallace & Gloria Cade)  
 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  
 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 and Brett Horton (Ellen Mauldin's sister 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

**We still need meals for Joe Mobley.** To provide meals for Joe Mobley, follow the directions below to sign up online, or call Rita Usher at the church office 662-323-1994. Please provide single serve meals only; full dinners are not required. You may want to share part of a meal you are already serving to your family. Go to [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com). In the "Find" box in the middle of the screen type the following: Recipient Last Name: Mobley Password: mobolo Click Find in the green box.

**Elders Serving on Our Session**

<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
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 August 19, 12:30 p.m.

**Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate**

<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Jay Cook	Peggy Branch	Tabor Mullen
John Rush	Vivian Cade	Kristen Skinner
	Joel Downey	Johnny Fair
	Jason Ryder	Jeremy Murdock

**VIPs (Adults 60+) Summer Fun Fellowship!!**

Lunch at the Veranda followed by ice cream at MAFES  
 Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 11 am; Meet at the church at 10:45 to ride together.  
 Please RSVP to church office 662-323-1994 or by email [info@fpcstarkville.org](mailto:info@fpcstarkville.org).

**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)

**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.

**FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team**

<b>Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer, Pastor</b>	<a href="mailto:mwlifer3@gmail.com">mwlifer3@gmail.com</a>
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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.**

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**Office Hours**

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