

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

JULY 15, 2018
10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *Praise Medley* arr. Ham
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME Martin Lifer
INVITATION TO SERVE THE LORD IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Ashleigh Murdock

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 46:1-2
Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
ALL: Therefore, we will not fear, even though the earth gives way, and though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.

***INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***HYMN 656** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** from the (Westminster) Shorter Catechism, Q. 102
Pastor: For what do we pray in the second request of the Lord's Prayer ["Thy Kingdom come"]?

ALL: In the second request, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed, that the kingdom of grace may be advanced – with ourselves and others brought into and kept in it – and that the kingdom of glory may come quickly.

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

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 FORGIVENESS IN CHRIST

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

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

OFFERTORY *Blessed Assurance* arr. Hayes
Jennifer Blackburn, piano

**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: Peggy Branch and Vivian Cade

Today's Greeters: Janice Kinard and Jane Bobbitt

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

Sign up for the 8:30 Service: 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

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SERMON SERIES *REVOLUTIONARY PRESBYTERIANS' DECLARATIONS OF INDEPENDENCE*

SCRIPTURE 1 Chronicles 5:18-22
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 337-338)

SERMON **From Wall Street to Revolution:**
John Rodgers, "Because the War Was of God." Martin Lifer

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD IN FAITH AND WITNESS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND OF TRUST IN GOD'S GRACE

***HYMN 453** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER

***BENEDICTION** Martin Lifer

POSTLUDE *Revive Us Again* arr. Hayes
Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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 (mwlifer3@gmail.com).



FIRSTConnect Cards!

Visitors - including MSU and other university students ...

and

FPC Members

(if you need to update your information or let us know of Prayer Requests or Ministry Questions):

Please complete a **FIRSTConnect Card** and place it in the Offering or in one of our **FIRSTConnect Boxes** inside the entranceways.

Thanksgiving for Charles Wesikopf: We rejoice and thank God for the birth on Tuesday night, July 10, of Charles William Weiskopf, son of FPC members Lee and Amy Weiskopf, The cradle cross is placed on the pulpit and the rose on the chancel today in thanksgiving to God for Charles' birth.

Help us Prepare for Our Next DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER, which will be on August 4 for the Rackleys. Will and Caitlin Rackley are expecting the birth of their second child: 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 one of the upcoming Sundays of this month.

All Women (Church Members and Guests)
are invited to our second 2018 Summer Social:

Next Tuesday July 24, 6 p.m.,
at the home of Kristen Skinner,
1103 Yorkshire Road, Starkville
(in the Sherwood Forest neighborhood).

If you would like to help us with provisions, then bring sweet, salty or beverage to share.

Questions? Feel free to reach out to Nancy Lifer, Kristen or Orly Hardin.
We look forward to having you join us!

Also, our VIP July Fellowship
(Very Important Presbyterians, Age 60+)
Is Next Tuesday, July 24 as well, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.
Please RSVP to Peggy Branch 662-418-1310; peggybranch1950@gmail.com

(Second Sunday) Notice to FPC Members for
Congregational and Corporate Meetings
NEXT Sunday, July 22:

(1) All members are asked to attend – and all visitors are invited to -- **FPC's Annual Congregational Meeting at the close of the 10:00 a.m. Service next Sunday, July 22, 2018.**



Reports and Action Items before the Annual Meeting include:
- a Report on the 2018 Budget and on Your Giving & Ministry Finances to date;
- Other Ministry Planning Updates; and
- The Election of two At-Large congregational members to the 2018-2019 Congregational Nominating Committee. The 2017-2018 Nominating Committee is presenting the following four nominees to be considered when the congregation at its Annual Meeting on July 22 elects two (2) At-Large-Members to serve on the 2018-2019 Congregational Nominating Committee:

Amy Aarhus, Wanda Anthony, Pat Bryan, Keith Hodge

(2) Then – following the Annual Congregational Meeting – there will also be **NEXT Sunday, July 22, a Special Meeting of the Members of First Presbyterian Church Starkville, Inc.** [All active, voting members of the congregation are members of the corporation].



The purpose of this Special Meeting of the Members of FPC, Inc., is to review and act upon the Board of Directors' recommendation to adopt proposed corporate Bylaws. [All members have received by email or by postal mail a copy of the proposed Bylaws.]

Week of July 15, 2018

SUNDAY:	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 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)
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.)

CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK

July 17 – Paula Ivey July 19 – Bob Boyd

Prayer List

Randell and Jean Ann Foxworth
Ben and Allison Jackson
Alice Dawson
Jay, Gary and Janet Bardwell
Fancy George
Thomas Guest (grandson of Charlie & Rubye Guest)
Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
Glen and Karen Sisk (Joe and Carol Mobley's daughter and son-in-law)
Carol & Joe Mobley
Nancy Lifer
Hawkins Murdock
Billy and Brenda Harrington
Marjorie Malone
John Michael & Avent VanHorn and Nicholas
Shirley Randle
Captain Matt Savage
Laurin Scales
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
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

Louise Haddigan – The Claiborne
Cattie Taylor – Beehive, Starkville
Thelma Gentry – Vicker's Personal Care Home
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 / Bob Daniels, Acting Clerk of Session
The Session's next Stated Meeting is August 19, 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)

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

Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer, <i>Pastor</i>	mwlfifer3@gmail.com
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Dr. Craig Aarhus, <i>Music Director</i>	aarhus@bellsouth.net
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Sunday Morning Schedule *for July Only.*

Fellowship Gathering | 9:30 a.m.

Unified Worship Service | 10:00 a.m.

Today and the two remaining Sundays in July (22 and 29), we are joining together for a single, unified Lord's Day Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. on. 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, and our Crusader Adult Sunday School Class will meet each Sunday in July, 8:30-9:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall.**

On Sunday, August 5, we will return to 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.