

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

JULY 22, 2018
10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *My Tribute* arr. Kartsonakis
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME Martin Lifer

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 89:1-2

Pastor: I will sing of the LORD's steadfast love forever.

ALL: With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: I will declare that your steadfast love stands firm forever,

ALL: In heaven itself, You have established your faithfulness!

***INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***HYMN 96** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** from the EPC Book of Order (Church Government, Chapter 4)

Pastor: What is our primary mission as the local church?

ALL: Our primary mission as the local church to evangelize, making disciples by extending the gospel both at home and abroad, leading others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and providing for the nurture of that faith – so that all might worship the true God and grow in grace and in sanctification. ... Good deeds in ministry and service to others, offering relief to those in need is the fruit of the gospel. ... However, the Church must never confuse its primary mission of evangelism (the gospel) with the fruit of faith (good works).

***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 *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* 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: Johnny Fair

Today's Ushers: Derrick and Pam Metts

Today's Greeters: Janice Kinard and Jane Bobbitt

Condolences to and Prayers for Family of Jimmy McKell: While we rejoice that longtime FPC member **James R. (Jimmy) McKell** on Wednesday, July 18, joined the Church Triumphant, please join us as we continue extended condolences to – and to pray for God's comfort to – Vivian and John Cade, Vivian's sister and brothers, and the other members of the McKell and Cade families. Services were at FPC yesterday.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the **Glory of God** and in memory of Jimmy McKell by his family.

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:19-20; Ephesians 3:20-21
(ESV Pew Bible p. 835; 977)

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S MISSION PLAN Martin Lifer



FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD IN FAITH AND WITNESS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND OF TRUST IN GOD'S GRACE

***HYMN 598 (Sung Twice)** *Find Us Faithful* FIND US FAITHFUL

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

All members are asked to attend – and all visitors are invited to -- our Annual Congregational Meeting TODAY, at the close of the worship service.

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, and Keith Hodge

Immediately following the Annual Congregational Meeting:

CALLED MEETING OF THE CORPORATION
A Special Meeting of the Members of First Presbyterian Church of Starkville, Mississippi, Inc.

[All active, voting members of the congregation are members of the corporation].
The purpose of this Meeting 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, and additional copies are again also available in the Sanctuary, as they were last Sunday]

***BENEDICTION** Martin Lifer

POSTLUDE *Wade in the Water* arr. Hayes
Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Ushers and Greeters Needed for Sunday Morning Services! 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
or for the 11:00 a.m. Service Aug.-December: tinyurl.com/FPC11amUshers-Greeters-Jul-Dec

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.



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

THIS 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 Kristen, Nancy Lifer or Orly Hardin.

We look forward to having you join us!

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



Help us Prepare for Our Next DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER on August 5 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 or to the Diapers & Wipes Tub in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, July 29.

Thank you for your continued and faithful support of

Palmer Home for Children

Did you know that the Palmer Home Thrift Store has a program called **Corners of Your Field** through which they give gift cards to FPC when you donate? FPC can then use these cards for ministry and mission purposes. Please let them know you are from FPC when you donate. (Please see the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for more details. Also look there for **PICKUPMYDONATION.com** for information on scheduling free pickups for donations of large items.)



Week of July 22, 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 24 – Rex Buffington July 26 – Richard and Jennifer Blackburn

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

July 25 and 27 – For the glory of God by Anonymous Supporters.

Prayer List

Shirley Randle
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
Jane Zitta
John Michael & Avent VanHorn and Nicholas
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
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 – Janice Kinard, 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, Pastor	mwlifer3@gmail.com
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Amanda Corley, Child Care Director	fpccdirector@fpcstarkville.org

Visit Our Website for Ministry Resources and News: 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.

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**A Congregation in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church –
A Global Movement of Evangelical Christians**

JULY 22, 2018

**Sunday Morning Schedule
for July Only.**

Fellowship Gathering | 9:30 a.m.

Unified Worship Service | 10:00 a.m.

Today and next Sunday, July 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** are **NOT** meeting 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 worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 am, and our full Sunday School schedule at 9:45-10:30 a.m.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER to teach Children's or Youth Sunday School – this coming fall semester – please contact Ashleigh Murdock.