

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

JULY 29, 2018
10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *When We All Get to Heaven* arr. McDonald
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 OF PRAISE 614** *In My Heart There Rings a Melody* HEART MELODY

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** from the (Westminster) Shorter Catechism, Q. 37

Pastor: What benefits do believers receive from Christ when they die?

ALL: When believers die, their souls are made perfectly holy and immediately pass into glory. Their bodies, which are still united to Christ, rest in the grave until the resurrection.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* Morris
Vivien Miller, Soprano; Jennifer Blackburn

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 *He's Got the Whole World In His Hands* 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: Jeremy Murdock
Today's Ushers: Derrick and Bob Boyd
Today's Greeters: Jane Bobbitt and Priscilla Boyd

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by members of the congregation to the **Glory of God** and in honor of Joe and Carol Mobley.

We continue to pray for God's comfort to – and express our sympathy for – **Dr. John Sartelle** and family, following the death on July 25 of **Janet Sartelle**. **This Friday, August 3, at Independent Presbyterian Church (Memphis)**, Visitation will be 10-11:30 a.m., and the Service in Celebration of the Risen Christ will begin at Noon.

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SERMON SERIES

What's Coming?
Life after Death: Living Forward to It!



SCRIPTURE John 5:28-29; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 890, 954)

SERMON **An Introduction to *What's Coming?*** Martin Lifer

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD IN FAITH AND WITNESS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND OF TRUST IN GOD'S GRACE

+*HYMN 607 *What a Day That Will Be* WHAT A DAY

***BENEDICTION** Martin Lifer

POSTLUDE *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder* arr. Hayes
Jennifer Blackburn

**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.

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 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.

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" webpages 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.vn@gmail.com.

Sign up for the 8:30 Service: tinyurl.com/FPC8-30Ushers-Greeters-Aug-Dec

or the 11:00 a.m. Service Aug.-December: tinyurl.com/FPC11amUshers-Greeters-Jul-Dec

We also need a few more Children's & Youth Sunday School Teachers for Every-Other Sunday or Every-Third Sunday Rotations this Fall Semester.



TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING to teach Children's or Youth Sunday School this coming fall semester, please speak with Ashleigh Murdock (or Pastor Lifer) today, or contact Ashleigh via email at aabmurdock@gmail.com.

**At-Large Members Have Been Elected to Nominating Committee;
Now Requested: Recommendations
for Possible Elder-Nominees and Deacon-Nominees**

Wanda Anthony and Keith Hodge were elected by the congregation on July 22 to be the At-Large Members of the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee. The other committee members include Charlie Weatherly (Men's Ministry), Rebecca Banzhaf (Women's Ministry), Peggy Branch (Diaconate), Perry Rackley (Chairman from Session) and Orly Hardin (Co-Chair from Session).

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting next week and move forward over the next month in its process of considering currently active FPC members and presenting those members to the congregation later this year as elder-nominees and deacon-nominees at a congregational meeting for officer election.

The Nominating Committee invites each active FPC member to complete a Recommendation for Officer Candidates form. You may recommend active FPC members who are not currently on the Session or Diaconate (or whose terms will expire in January 2019 and who can serve another term or in a new office) to be considered for nomination as Elder or Deacon. (See back page of bulletin for list of current officers.)

Please return your recommendation information in the offering today or one of the next two Sundays, Aug 5 or 12, or email your recommendation to Orly Hardin by August 12.

Help us Prepare for Our Next DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER on NEXT Sunday, 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 this morning or next Sunday by 10:35 a.m.

School Uniforms for a Family in Need

A family needs gently-used school uniforms for a 14-year old daughter. If you can help with this need, please bring your donations to the church office or call Rita Usher 662-323-1994 if you have questions.

Ladies size 14 pants – khaki or black
Ladies large polo shirts – yellow (pale or gold), gray, black, or white

Week of July 29, 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 31 – Loren Zimmerman August 2 – Loren Zimmerman

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

August 1 – For the glory of God by Joe and Carol Mobley
in honor of Betsy and her mother, Gloria Romero.

Prayer List

Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
Shirley Randle
Jay, Gary and Janet Bardwell
Fancy George
Traci Hardin
Captain Matt Savage
Thomas Guest (grandson of Charlie & Rubye Guest)
Carol & Joe Mobley
Nancy Lifer
Hawkins Murdock
Billy and Brenda Harrington
Marjorie Malone
Jane Zitta
John Michael & Avent VanHorn and Nicholas
Laurin Scales
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)

As we continue thanking God for Charles Weiskopf's birth, **please consider helping our FPC Women's Ministry in providing meals for the Weiskopf family** in these next 2-3 weeks following the birth on their son Charles.

Please go to the website below to choose a date to bring a meal.

Website: <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=JYOM3454&v=b392b59d60>

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

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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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Sunday Morning Schedule

July Sunday Schedule Concluding Today:

Fellowship Gathering | 9:30 a.m.

Unified Worship Service | 10:00 a.m.

Today 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; **However, we are providing childcare during the 10:00 am service, and our Crusader Adult Sunday School Class is meeting at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.**

NEXT 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.