

**LORD'S DAY COMMUNION SERVICE**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE**  
**RALLY DAY AND TEAM COLORS SUNDAY**  
**AUGUST 12, 2018**

**PRELUDE** *Theme from Sonata No. 6* Mozart/arr. Watkins  
Jennifer Blackburn

**WELCOME** Martin Lifer  
**APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEER USHERS AND GREETERS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** from Matthew 6:24; James 1:17; John 14:6  
Pastor: [Jesus said] "No one can serve two masters,"  
**Congregation: "For either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."**  
Pastor: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above –  
**Congregation: Coming down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.**  
Pastor: Jesus said to him,  
**ALL: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."**

**\*INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 98** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

**COMMISSIONING FALL SEMESTER 2018 SUNDAY TEACHERS** Martin Lifer

**GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN** Ashleigh Murdock  
**BLESSING STUDENTS WITH THEIR BACKPACKS**

**\*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** *From the Westminster Confession of Faith*  
Worthy receivers, physically partaking of the visible substances of this sacrament, do then also by faith actually and in fact, but not physically or bodily, spiritually receive and feed on Christ crucified and on all the benefits of his death.

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

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

**OFFERTORY** *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* arr. Howlett  
Jennifer Blackburn

**SOLO** (11:00 – Vivian Cade, soloist) *Keep Us Safe* Underwood et. al.

*\*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:** 8:30 –Charlie Guest; 11:00 – Keith Hodge, Wesley Ferguson

**Today's Greeters:** 8:30 – Rubye Guest; 11:00 – Gayle Hodge, Emily Ferguson

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given by Loren and Lynn Zimmerman to the **Glory of God** and in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Ushers and Greeters Needed for Many Upcoming 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.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)

or the 11:00 a.m. Service Aug.-December: [tinyurl.com/FPC11amUshers-Greeters-Jul-Dec](http://tinyurl.com/FPC11amUshers-Greeters-Jul-Dec)

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**SCRIPTURE** John 6:27, 35, 51 & 53-58  
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 891-892)

**SERMON** *What Will You Eat?* Martin Lifer

**INVITATION: TURN TO JESUS, AND TRUST ABSOLUTELY IN HIM**

**PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE AND PETITION**

**\*RESPONSIVE HYMN 435 (vv. 1, 3, 5)** *Just As I Am* WOODWORTH

**GOD'S WORD SEALED: THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE FOR BAPTIZED MEMBERS OF HIS LARGER CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION**

**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.

**SHARING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP**

*We invite all who receive from the bread and then the cup to wait – in each case – until all have been served, and then to partake at the same time as other worshipers are partaking.*

**\*PRAYERS OF COMMITMENT AND BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Sarabande* Couperin  
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 believing in Jesus Christ, as well as about church membership, your spiritual growth, and ways to learn & serve at FPC – please speak to Pastor Lifer following the service, or call him this week at the church office. You may also send a message to him via email ([mwlifer3@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

**Sermon – Scripture Highlights and Notes:**

"Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set his seal." John 6:27

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believe in Me shall never thirst." John 6:35

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:51

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." John 5:53

**Members – Today is the final Sunday to submit Your Recommendations for Possible Elder-Nominees and Deacon-Nominees**

Over the past few weeks, the Nominating Committee has extended the invitation for each active FPC member to complete a Recommendation for Officer Candidates form. Today is the final Sunday for any such responses. *If you need a recommendation form, please ask an usher for one.*

**Please place your recommendation information in the offering TODAY or email your recommendation TODAY to Orly Hardin: [obh2@msstate.edu](mailto:obh2@msstate.edu)**

**Continuing Prayers for the Families who have Lost Loved Ones**

Please continue to join in our expressions of sympathy to – and in our prayer's for the Lord to comfort – to:

- **John Michael and Avent, John Michael's mother and father**, and all those in their family, following the death last Sunday (August 5) of **John Michael VanHorn's grandmother, Helen Parker Daves** [services were last Tuesday in Winona];

- **Dr. Jimmy Lee Dodd** — following the death on Monday (August 6) of his sister, **Helen Ann Dodd Puitt** [services were Friday in Aberdeen].

**Thank you from Will, Caitlin and Madeline Rackley**

To Our Church Family,  
We are blessed to call FPC Starkville our church home and to serve the Lord with each of you. The outpouring of love through our Diapers and Wipes Shower is a tremendous gift to our family and we thank you! Please continue to pray for us as we prepare for our son's arrival.  
- Will, Caitlin and Madeline Rackley

**Thursday Women's Bible Study Begins on September 20, 2018**

This year's study, *The Epic of Eden: Understanding the Old Testament* by Sandra L. Richter, is a 14-session series which will be the subject of both the fall (Peggy Johnson) and spring (Susan Gamel) studies. From the Publisher's Forward to the workbook: "The Old Testament makes up three-fourths of the Bible--a clear majority--and yet it is the least understood part of the Bible. Sandra Richter is one of the finest teachers of the Old Testament in the world. She has a way of teaching the Old Testament that brings it to life. As a result of engaging with her in this study of the *Old Testament*, you will come to a profound understanding of the *New Testament* and all that Scripture means for your life. She comprehends it from a deep place of faith and understanding and she has learned to teach it to ordinary people in extraordinary ways."

Workbooks will be ordered the first week of September and will cost \$25 for the entire series. For questions or to sign up for the fall session, please contact Peggy Johnson at [johnsonpeggy@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonpeggy@gmail.com) or at 662-418-6870.

**Week of August 12, 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>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**  
 August 14 – Rebecca Banzhaf      August 16 – Bob Boyd

**Prayer List**

Morgan Schnur  
 John Michael & Avent VanHorn and Nicholas  
 Jane Vemer  
 David Skinner, Kyle Skinner's father  
 Elbin McLaurin (grandfather of Amanda Corley)  
 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  
 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><b>2018</b></u>	<u><b>2019</b></u>	<u><b>2020</b></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><b>2018</b></u>	<u><b>2019</b></u>	<u><b>2020</b></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 **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.

**FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team**

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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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**AUGUST 12, 2018**

**Communion Worship Services**  
**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Rally Day Sunday School | 9:45 a.m.**

**FPC's Annual "TAILGATE"/  
 TEAM COLORS BRUNCH**  
*Join us for brunch at the extended*  
**Fellowship Time**  
**10:25 – 10:50 a.m.**

