

**LORD'S DAY SERVICE**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

**PRELUDE** *In Quiet Praise* Callender Jennifer Blackburn

**WELCOME** Martin Lifer

**INTROIT** (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** from Colossians 1:19-20 Ben Jackson

Minister: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
**ALL: And through Him to reconcile to Himself all things – whether on earth or in heaven – making peace by the blood of his cross.**

**\*INVOCATION WITH PRAISE**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 47** *Fairest Lord Jesus* ST. ELIZABETH

**GOD'S WORD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN** Ashleigh Murdock

**\*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)** Ben Jackson

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.

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

**ANTHEM** (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

**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 GRACE**

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

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

**OFFERTORY** *Go Down, Moses* arr. Hayes

*\*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: Tabor Mullen  
 Today's Ushers: 8:30 – Bob Boyd; 11:00 – Billy Harrington, Scotty Crawford  
 Today's Greeters: 8:30 – Priscilla Boyd; 11:00 – Brenda Harrington, Brittney McAfee

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given by members of the congregation to the **Glory of God** and in thanksgiving for the recent new family additions in our church.

Please join us as we continue to extend our condolences to – and prayers for God's comfort to- the Blocker and Rasberry families, following the death last Sunday of longtime FPC member, Marjorie Blocker.

*As is the family tradition, the family will hold a private interment service.*

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**SCRIPTURE** John 1:4-5, 9-13 (ESV Pew Bible p. 886)

**Part 1 Prelude to the Sermon Series What's Coming?**

**SERMON** *Gospel Light on Now and What's Coming* Martin Lifer

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN FAITH AND MISSION**

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

**\*HYMN 89** *Shine on Us* SHINE ON US

**\*BENEDICTION** Martin Lifer

**CHORAL RESPONSE** (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *You Are Worthy* Rev. Andrew Brunson

**POSTLUDE** *He Is Exalted* 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 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 (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.

**ENJOY A RICHER LORD'S DAY AT FPC**

Take the Next Step Growing in God's Word & Family:  
**Adult Sunday Bible Study & Fellowship Groups** (9:45-10:30 a.m.)

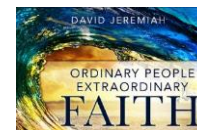
**Crusader Class**

led by Jack Forbus, Ernie George, and other teachers – in the Fellowship Hall  
 Currently studying the book of Nehemiah



**Joy Class**

led by Phil Gruchy – in the Parlor, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Sanctuary Bldg.  
 Currently enjoying a study by David Jeremiah



**ENJOY A RICHER LORD'S DAY AT FPC**

Take the Next Step for Growing in God's Word & Family.  
 Guests and members – *If you are not already in a Sunday Bible Study & Fellowship Group* – join us for one of the following:

**Adult Sunday Bible Study & Fellowship Groups** (9:45-10:30 a.m.)  
 - continued:

**Faith for Life Bible Study & Fellowship Group**

led by Pastor Lifer each Sunday in  
 The Chapel, behind the Worship Chancel



**New Covenant Class**

led by Jim Beaty – in the Main Room behind Worship Hall Balcony



**Women in the Word**

led by Nancy Lifer – in Room S-6 on the Main Sanctuary Bldg. Floor.  
 Currently studying Philippians



**Discovery & Young Adult Joint Class**

led by Bob Daniels - in the Johnson Room of the Church Office Bldg.



**College Group Sunday Bible Study:**

Studying the Heart of God through the Psalms  
 led by Ben & Alison Jackson – in the Sanctuary Alcove (inside the front entrances to the Sanctuary – the rear seating area of the Sanctuary)



## Week of September 9, 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>WEDNESDAY:</b>	5:15 p.m.	Dinner and visiting in the Fellowship Hall
	5:50 p.m.	Nursery, Children and Youth programs begin
	6:00 p.m.	Men's and Women's Bible studies
	6:00 p.m.	HeBrews in Fellowship Hall-coffee, dessert, visiting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
<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**  
 September 11 – Rebecca Banzhaf      September 13 – Ross Collins

### Prayer List

Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware  
 Marjorie Malone  
 John Michael & Avent VanHorn and Nicholas  
 Jane Vemer  
 David Skinner, Kyle Skinner's father  
 Shirley Randle  
 Jay, Gary and Janet Bardwell  
 Thomas Guest (grandson of Charlie & Rubye Guest)  
 Carol & Joe Mobley  
 Hawkins Murdock  
 Billy and Brenda Harrington  
 Jane Zitta  
 Laurin Scales  
 Carol Clark (Albert Clark's sister)  
 Diane Daniels, her sister, Delores Irvin, and Sarah Helen McCloskey and Craig D.  
 Campbell (family friends of Bob & Diane Daniels)  
 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 in Birmingham); and Traci Hardin (wife of a manager of the Iveys' Village Center Cycle)  
 Captain Matt Savage  
 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 September 16, 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

The Nominating Committee announces that it will make the following nominations for congregational election, which will be held next month.

Candidates for Elder: Wallace Cade, Jack Forbus, Ernie George, Thomas Gregory, Will Martin, and Cal Rackley

Candidates for Deacon: Jack Atkins, Glenda Clark, Jack Cook, Leslie Corey, Peyton Fandel, and Robbie Holditch.

(Please watch for notice of the date of the election which will be given later this month.)

### FPC Women's Ministry – Janice Kinard, Moderator

Mission for September : MSU Ministry, Ben Jackson

#### Circles, Meeting Places, and Leaders

9/9/2018, Sunday morning @ 8 am, Leader: Lynda Forbus, place: FPC Parlor

9/10/2018, Monday afternoon @ 1:30 pm, Leader: Sara Wilson, place: FPC Parlor

9/11/2018, Tuesday evening @ 6 pm, Leader: Vivian Cade, place: her home: 104 Walden Way

9/17/2018, Monday evening @ 6 pm, Leader: Amy Weiskopf, place: her home: 1305 Nottingham Rd

### FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team

<b>Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer, Pastor</b>	mwlifer3@gmail.com
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<b>Ashleigh Murdock, Children's Ministry Coordinator</b>	aabmurdock@gmail.com
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<b>Ellen Mauldin, Church Librarian</b>	mem3@bellsouth.net
<b>Amanda Corley, Child Care Director</b>	fpccdirector@fpcstarkville.org

### University/CCO Meals – Help Needed!!

Ben and Allison Jackson are hosting university students at their home on Monday nights. They are asking for some help with the meals. Please let Allison know if you are able to help with a meal – 440-328-5691, [allidjackson@gmail.com](mailto:allidjackson@gmail.com)

Here are the details for the upcoming weeks:

- Monday, Sept. 10, Taco Bar – Sign up to bring sides, drinks, chips, or dessert.
- Monday, Sept. 24, Meatballs – Sign up to bring salad, side, or dessert.

**Adult Piano Lessons Offered** - The Community Music School at MSU is offering Adult Piano 1 for adult beginners and Adult Piano 2 for those adults who already know how to read music and play piano "a little." These classes meet one night per week. For more information, contact Dr. Jackie Edwards-Henry at 662-325-2864.



**Starkville's Church**  
 that is Part of the EPC –  
**A Global Movement of Evangelical Christians –**  
 and that Preaches the *Doctrines of Grace*



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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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**[www.fpcstarkville.org](http://www.fpcstarkville.org)**

### Church Office

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### Office Hours

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