

LORD'S DAY SERVICE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

PRELUDE Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME Martin Lifer

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from 1 Timothy 1:17 Ben Jackson

Minister: To the King of the ages –
Congregation: Immortal, invisible, the only God – be honor and glory forever and ever.
Minister: Amen!

***INVOCATION WITH PRAISE**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 56** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

GOOD NEWS UPDATE FROM THE PALMER HOME FOR CHILDREN Drake Bassett

GOD'S WORD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** from *The Westminster Confession of Faith, ch 12* Ben Jackson
ALL: Adoption guarantees the adoption of all those who are justified in and for the sake of his only Son, Jesus Christ. Those adopted enjoy the liberties and privileges of God's children, have his name put on them, receive the Spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, and are enabled to cry, "Abba, Father." ... [They are] sealed until the day of redemption and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.

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

ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir)

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*

**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 (mwllifer3@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.

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

OFFERTORY Jennifer Blackburn

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE John 1:9-13; John 3:16-21
(ESV Pew Bible p. 886 & 888)

Part 2 Prelude to the Sermon Series What's Coming?

SERMON *Children Born of God* Martin Lifer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN FAITH AND MISSION

INVITATION: TURN TO JESUS, AND TRUST ABSOLUTELY IN HIM

***HYMN 97** *We Look Behind at All You've Done* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***BENEDICTION** Martin Lifer

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

POSTLUDE 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: 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, Christine Wade

ENJOY A RICHER LORD'S DAY AT FPC
Take the Next Step Growing in God's Word & Communion
Each Sunday Morning.
Adult Sunday School 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, 1st Floor, Sanctuary Bldg.
Starting *Through the Bible with Les Feldick* in 3 weeks.

Faith for Life

led by Pastor Lifer – in the Chapel, behind the Sanctuary Chancel

New Covenant Class

led by Jim Beaty – in the Main Room behind Sanctuary Balcony

Women in the Word

led by Nancy Lifer – in Room S-6, main Sanctuary Floor.

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)



Palmer Home for Children

Today, we welcome Drake and Kelley Bassett once again to FPC. Drake is President and CEO of Palmer Home for Children. The Palmer Home mission has grown greatly under his leadership, and we are blessed to support Palmer Home in many ways – not only through mission program support, but also through FPC members who serve Palmer Home in various ways. Among FPC members who presently serve Palmer Home are Harold Clark, Chairman of the Board of Palmer Home, as well as fellow board members Dolph Bryan, Jack Forbus, Charlie Guest, and Daryl Guest.
Drake will be speaking at the plenary adult Sunday School class today in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am and again in the 11:00 service.



Join us NEXT Sunday, September 23 – during our weekly Fellowship Gathering Time (10:30 – 10:50 a.m.) in the Eastside Breezeway – for our Annual Sip & See Brunch. Meet all the babies born to our church family in the past year.

Scotland's Most Powerful Preacher,
Rev. David Meredith,
Headlines FPC's 3rd Annual
Christian Reformed Faith & Spiritual Renewal Conference,
Wed. & Thur. Night, Sept. 26 & 27,
and Sunday, Morning, Sept. 30.



Following 30 years as the church-planter and pastor of what became the multi-staff, multi-worship-service Smithton-Culloden Free Church in Inverness (in the Scottish Highlands), as well as serving as Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland – Rev. Meredith since 2014 has served as (1) Mission Director for the Free Church of Scotland and (2) Chairman of Affinity, a network of Gospel-Minded Churches across the United Kingdom. We look forward to welcoming David and his wife, Gina, for their first visit to FPC and to Starkville. Plan to be with us and receive God's inspiration at our 3rd Annual Christian Reformed Faith & Spiritual Renewal Conference.

The Nominating Committee

brings the following nominations for election on Sunday, Oct 28, 2018

Candidates for the office of Elder: Wallace Cade, Jack Forbus, Ernie George, Thomas Gregory, Will Martin, Cal Rackley.

The congregation will elect 4 elders to the class of 2021.

Candidates for the office of Deacon: Jack Atkins, Glenda Clark, Jack Cook, Leslie Corey, Peyton Fandel, Robbie Holditch

The congregation will elect 4 deacons to the class of 2021.

Men Wanted! – to help with our Work Days on Church Buildings & Grounds – Please join us for our two upcoming fall Work Days:

Saturday, September 22, 8:00 am, at the main church campus

Saturday, October 13, at Robinson Lake - to prepare for the Harvest Festival on October 28

Additional Women's Ministry Bible Study

The fall session of the **Thursday Women's Bible Study, The Epic of Eden**, will begin on September 20. We will meet for 7 Thursdays, from 1:00-2:30, in Room S6. For more information or to sign up, please contact Peggy Johnson: johnsonpeggyp@gmail.com or 662-418-6870.

Week of September 16, 2018

SUNDAY:	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
MONDAY:	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (Ed. Bldg)
WEDNESDAY:	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
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
 September 18 – Paula Ivey September 20 – Bob Boyd

Prayer List

Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
 Marjorie Malone
 Dan Ryder (Jason Ryder's father)
 John Michael & Aven VanHorn and Nicholas
 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
 Brenda Pratt, Cheryl Kay Linder (Beth Ann Dunlap's stepmother & sister)
 Bessie Montgomery
 Carl Ivey, Jr. (FPC member & elder); 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)
 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 TODAY, 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*

Mission for September : MSU Ministry, Ben Jackson

Circles, Meeting Places, and Leaders

9/17/2018, Monday evening @ 6 pm, Leader: Amy Aarhus, place: her home: 108 Hiwassee Drive

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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Jennifer Blackbourn, Organist	jenniferblackbourn@hotmail.com
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Ellen Mauldin, Church Librarian	mem3@bellsouth.net
Amanda Corley, Child Care Director	fpcccdirector@fpcstarkville.org

Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m. This Wednesday's Dinner: Fried Catfish, French Fries, Hushpuppies, Cole Slaw, Banana Pudding. Adults may also choose a Chef Salad, ... or as always, children may have pizza – just let us know. *Please complete your reservation card and place it in the Offering today, or call or send an email to the Church Office.*

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

Here are the details for an upcoming week:

- Monday, Sept. 24, Meatballs – Sign up to bring salad, side, or dessert.



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Starkville's Church
 That is Part of the EPC –

A Global Movement of Evangelical Christians – and that Preaches the Doctrines of Grace



SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Worship Service | 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School | 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Gathering | 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.

Visit Our Website for Sermon Podcasts & Ministry News
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Office Hours

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