

LORD'S DAY SERVICE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

PRELUDE *Theme In F* Archer  
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME Martin Lifer

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 90 Ben Jackson

Minister: You return man to dust, and say, "Return, O children of man!"

**Congregation: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

Minister: For all our days pass under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**ALL: So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

\*INVOCATION WITH PRAISE

\*HYMN OF PETITION 82 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

GOOD NEWS UPDATE FROM STARKVILLE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Joel Downey

GOD'S WORD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock

\*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH from *The Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch 32* Ben Jackson

Minister: What will happen to us after death?

**ALL: After death, the bodies of human beings decompose and return to the dust, but their souls – which do not die or sleep – have an immortal existence and immediately return to God, Who created them. The souls of the righteous are then perfected in holiness and are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, and wait for the full redemption of their bodies. The souls of the wicked are thrown into hell, where they remain in torment and complete darkness, set apart for the great day of judgment. Scripture recognizes only these two places, and no other, for souls separated from their bodies.**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *Savior of Our Fallen Race* arr. Rives

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 *Trust and Obey* arr. Alex-Zsolt  
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; Amy Crawford

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:6-8,15,28-31  
Romans 5:12; James 4:14; Proverbs 1:7; Matthew 10:28  
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 599-600; 942; 1013; 527; 815)

Sermon Series: *What's Coming?*

SERMON **"You Shall Surely Die."** Martin Lifer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN FAITH AND MISSION

INVITATION: TURN TO JESUS, AND TRUST ABSOLUTELY IN HIM

\*HYMN OF FAITH 506 *In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)* IN CHRIST ALONE

\*BENEDICTION Martin Lifer

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

POSTLUDE *Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It* arr. McDonald  
Jennifer Blackburn

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**Celebrating the Infants God Has Brought to Our Church Family in the Past Year:**

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are to the Glory of God by Dero and Adelaide Ramsey in celebration of all the new babies born this year.

**Also, Join us TODAY – 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.

**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 a **FIRSTConnect Box** in the entranceways.

NOTICE of MEETING OF THE CORPORATION:

All active members of FPC are also voting members of First Presbyterian Church of Starkville, Mississippi, Inc. – a Mississippi Not-for-Profit Corporation – and all members are called to attend the following:

**Special Called Meeting of the Corporation**

**Sunday, October 21, 2018, at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary**

**for the purpose of voting to confirm that the elders of the congregation's Session concurrently serve as the members of, and constitute, the Board of Directors of the Corporation.**

**Key Scriptures and Notes from God's Word Today:**

1) **Isaiah 40:6 "All flesh is grass...."**

- **Psalm 90:12** So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**Genesis 2:17 "...for in the day you eat of it, you shall surely die."**

- Romans 5:12 ... death spread to all people because all sinned....

- **Isaiah 40:7** *The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.*

2) **Matthew 10:28 "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell."**

- **Psalm 14:1** The fool says in his heart, **"There is no God."** ...  
- Proverbs 1:7b [F]ools despise wisdom and instruction.

- **Isaiah 40:15** *Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,....*  
- **Isaiah 40:30** *Even youths grow weary, ... young men stumble and fall.*

- **Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge....

3) **Isaiah 40:31 "But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles;..."**

THIS WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY EVENING (6 p.m.)

and

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING (8:30 & 11 a.m.) -

Hear Scotland's Most Powerful Preacher,  
Rev. David Meredith



at FPC's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
**Christian Reformed  
Faith & Spiritual  
Renewal  
Conference.**



## Week of September 23, 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>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.	David Meredith's Opening Message for FPC's Reformed Faith and Spiritual Renewal Conference
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
<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 18 – Rex Buffington      September 20 – Richard and Jennifer Blackburn

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

September 26 & 28 – For the Glory of God by Anonymous Supporters.

### Prayer List

Ross Collins  
 Paula Elliott  
 Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware  
 Marjorie Malone  
 Dan Ryder (Jason Ryder's father)  
 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  
 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)  
 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

Bessie Montgomery – Montgomery Gardens  
 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 October 21, 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

NOTICE: We will hold a Congregational Meeting and Election on Sunday, October 28 – with the meeting opening for Nominations from the Floor at 8:30 a.m. and the election then through registration and voting of active members in the northeast section of the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.

#### The Congregational Nominating Committee will nominate:

**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, Robby Holditch

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

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

Mission for September: MSU Ministry, Ben Jackson

#### 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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 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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