

**LORD'S DAY SERVICE**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

**PRELUDE** *Morceau de Concours* Fauré  
Jennifer Blackburn and Jessica Banks (flute)

**WELCOME** Martin Lifer

**INTROIT** (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** from John 12:32 and Isaiah 11:10 Ben Jackson  
Minister: [Jesus said]: “And I – when I am lifted up from the earth – will draw all people to Myself.”  
**Congregation: In that day, the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to Him, and his resting place will be glorious.**

**\*INVOCATION WITH PRAISE**

**\*HYMN OF PETITION 236** *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

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

**\*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** *EPC Westminster Confession Faith, 35.4* Martin Lifer

**ALL:** Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the gospel, and since – in the divinely established and ordinary method of grace – faith cometh by hearing the word of God, Christ hath commissioned his church to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the kingdom of Christ throughout the whole earth.

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

**ANTHEM** (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *O Master, Let Me 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** *I Love You, Lord with My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Pethel  
Jennifer Blackburn, Jessica Banks (flute)

*\*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.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the **Glory of God** in honor of **Dero and Adelaide Ramsey** on their **68th Wedding Anniversary**.

Please welcome today: **Rev. David Meredith (Mission Director of the Free Church of Scotland)**, our Guest Preacher for the Christian Reformed Faith & Spiritual Renewal Conference; and **Professor Jessica Banks, who teaches flute in the MSU Department of Music**.

**Deacon of the Month:** John Rush

**Today's Ushers:** 8:30 – Bob Boyd; 11:00 – Lee Weiskopf, Loren Zimmerman

**Today's Greeters:** 8:30 – Priscilla Boyd; 11:00 – Christine Wade; Jane Bobbitt

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**SCRIPTURE** **Jonah 1**  
(ESV Pew Bible p. 774)

**SERMON** ***The Reality of Mission*** Rev. David Meredith

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

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

**\*\*HYMN OF FAITH 440** *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD

**\*BENEDICTION** David Meredith

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

**POSTLUDE** *God of Grace and Glory* arr. McDonald  
Jennifer Blackburn, Jessica Banks (flute)

*\*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 **FPC Benevolence Missions Support Special Offering** for this month. This offering is used to be **to support FPC's benevolence missions, including** defraying **FPC's costs** in hosting the **Casserole Kitchen** Mission on Tuesday and Thursday nights, as well as helping supplement FPC's support to a number of benevolence ministries.

***Visiting with Us?***

We warmly welcome you to our worship of God this Lord's Day. 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, 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).

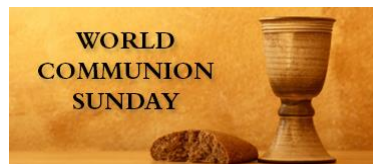


**FIRSTConnect Cards!**

**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 a FIRSTConnect Box in the entranceways.**



**Prepare for Holy Communion, and then Receive the Lord's Supper on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 7.** We will celebrate the Lord's Supper next week on **World Communion Sunday Services, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.** *We invite all baptized and affirming believers who have previously been approved and prepared to discern and partake of the Body to enter this week of spiritual renewal in seeking to share in the Lord's Supper. That preparation includes repentance, through reconciliation to God and to others (particularly fellow believers from whom you may have become estranged), and through trusting in God's grace in all things.*

**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.)

**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)*

**Crusader Class**

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

**Joy Class**

*led by Phil Gruchy, and beginning today a new study and discussion of the Les Feldick series, *Through the Bible* – in the Parlor, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Sanctuary Bldg.*

***Faith for Life***

**Bible Study & Fellowship Group**

Currently studying the call in 1 Peter for faith in hard political times,  
*the class is 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,*  
*and studying the message of Joy in Philipians –*  
*meets each Sunday in Room S-6 on the Main Sanctuary Bldg. Floor*

**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.**

**NOTICE:** We will hold a **Congregational Meeting and Election on Sunday, October 28** – with the **meeting opening at 8:30 a.m. for Nominations from the Floor; after nominations are closed during the opening part of the meeting, active members will be able to vote individually any time from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the northeast section of the Fellowship Hall.**

**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.***



## Week of September 30, 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.	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>THURSDAY:</b>	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	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

October 2 – Billy Harrington      October 4 – Loren Zimmerman

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

October 3 – For the Glory of God by Dero and Adelaide Ramsey  
in celebration of their 68th Wedding Anniversary.

### 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

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

Coordinating Team: Tuesday, October 2, at noon, Church Office, Major Johnson Room

Mission for October: Operation Christmas Child

#### Circles, Meeting Places, and Leaders

10/7/2018, Sunday morning @ 8 am, Leader: Lynda Forbus, place: FPC Parlor

10/8/2018, Monday afternoon @ 1:30 pm, Leader: Sara Wilson, place: FPC Parlor

10/09/2018, Tuesday evening @ 6 pm, Leader: Vivian Cade,

Location: Michelle Rackley's home, 101 Mariposa Drive

10/15/2018, Monday evening @ 7 pm, Leader: Amy Weiskopf,

Location: Kristen Skinners' home @ 1003 Yorkshire Road

### Men's Ministry Officers – 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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<b>Ellen Mauldin, Church Librarian</b>	mem3@bellsouth.net
<b>Amanda Corley, Child Care Director</b>	fpcccdirector@fpcstarkville.org

### Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner

**Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m.** This Wednesday's Dinner: Pot Roast, Rice & Gravy, Lima Beans, Rolls, Caramel Cake. 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](mailto:allidjackson@gmail.com)



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



## SEPTEMBER 30, 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.

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### Office Hours

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