

LORD'S DAY SERVICE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 7, 2018

PRELUDE *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. Kirkland
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME *Martin Lifer*
GOOD NEWS INVITATION/UNIVERSITY MINISTRY (11:00 – Allison Jackson & Thomas Gregory)

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Luke 14:15b and 22:15-16 Ben Jackson
All: **Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!**
Minister: [Jesus said to His disciples in the Upper Room]: "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."

*PRAYER OF PRAISE, CONFESSION AND PETITION Ben Jackson
GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN 399 *Let Us Break Bread Together* BREAK BREAD

SHARING GOOD NEWS WITH *SERVANTHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL*
AND PASTOR MARCUS RICHMOND

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SONG (11:00) *Michael Row the Boat Ashore*

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (*Westminster*) *Shorter Catechism Q. 97* Martin Lifer
Minister: What is the right way to receive the Lord's Supper?
ALL: The right way to receive the Lord's Supper is to examine whether we discern the Lord's body, whether our faith feeds on Him, and whether we have repentance, love, and a new obedience – so that we may not come in the wrong way, and eat and drink judgment on ourselves.

*HYMN 668 *THE DOXOLOGY*

*CALL FOR GOD'S TITHE AND FURTHER OFFERINGS
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY *In This Very Room* arr. Hayes
Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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 (mwlfier3@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 a **FIRSTConnect Box** in the entranceways.

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Revelation 19:1-10; Matthew 22:1-14
(ESV Pew Bible p. 1039-1040, 827)

Sermon Series What's Coming?

SERMON *The Ultimate Heavenly Hallelujah Supper*
(Who Will Be There?) Martin Lifer

INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST

GOD'S WORD SEALED: SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
INVITATION TO BAPTIZED AND FAITHFUL DISCIPLES

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.

ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *Jesus, at Your Holy Table*

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 FOLLOWING COMMUNION Rev. Marcus Richmond

*HYMN 2 *Praise the Lord, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

*BENEDICTION Martin Lifer

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

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in F* Lau
Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Wanda Anthony in honor of her husband, Larry, on his birthday.

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: John Rush

Today's Ushers: 8:30 – Janice Kinard; 11:00 – Wallace Cade, Loren Zimmerman

Today's Greeters: 8:30 – Janice Kinard; 11:00 – Gloria Cade; Wanda Anthony

Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m. This Wednesday's Dinner: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Corn Nuggets, Rolls, Chocolate 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

Here are the details for the dinners for the two final Mondays later this month for which we need help:

- Monday, Oct. 22 – Casseroles – Sign up to bring salad, dessert, drinks.
- Oct .29 – Halloween theme– Sign up to bring Halloween-themed sides, salad, dessert.

KEY SERMON SCRIPTURES & NOTES

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Per Rev. 19:5, and 19:10, **our top priority practicing for Heaven is to:**

Hallelujah (from the Hebrew) means:

Hallelujah appears in the OT Psalms many times (24), but God's Word reserves the *Hallelujah* in the NT until the **four times it appears in the NT:** Rev. 19:1, 3, 4 and 6.

Rev. 19:1-2 **"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God – for his judgments are true and just.**

For He has **judged the great prostitute** who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and **has avenged on her the blood of his servants.**"

Rev. 19:3 **"Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever."**

Praise, Worship, Glorify & Trust God for:
(1) his Judgment of the Wicked; and (2) his Salvation of his Redeemed:

God's **Grace** is ***Inseparable from*** God's **Justice.**

Rev. 19:4 twenty-four elders & the four living creatures --**"Amen. Hallelujah!"**

Rev. 19:6 **"Hallelujah! –For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns...."**

...Rev. 19:7-8 Let us *rejoice and exult and give Him the glory –*
for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and **his Bride has made herself ready;**

... it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure –
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints."

Rev. 19:9a **"Blessed are those who are invited to the Lamb's marriage supper."**

WHAT SHOULD WE WEAR?

WHO WILL BE THERE?

Matt. 22:1-14 Wedding Feast; **Judgment on the Unresponsive & The Fraudulent;**
Grace for the Unexpected & Unworthy Invitees.

"But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business,...
'Those I invited were not worthy.'"

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment.... Then the king said to the attendants, ***'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness.*** In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' **For many are called, but few are chosen."**

WILL YOU BE WITH HIM IN HEAVEN FOR THE HALLELUJAH SUPPER?

Clothe yourselves in humility and righteous faith & deeds from Christ.

"Jesus is better than all of them."

"You are worthy of my all!"

Week of October 7, 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)
TUESDAY:	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
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
THURSDAY:	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	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
 October 9 – Rebecca Banzhaf October 11 – Ross Collins

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)
 Frances Ellis and Brett Horton (Ellen Mauldin's sister and her brother Leslie's grandson)
 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)

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 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 on 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 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.

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

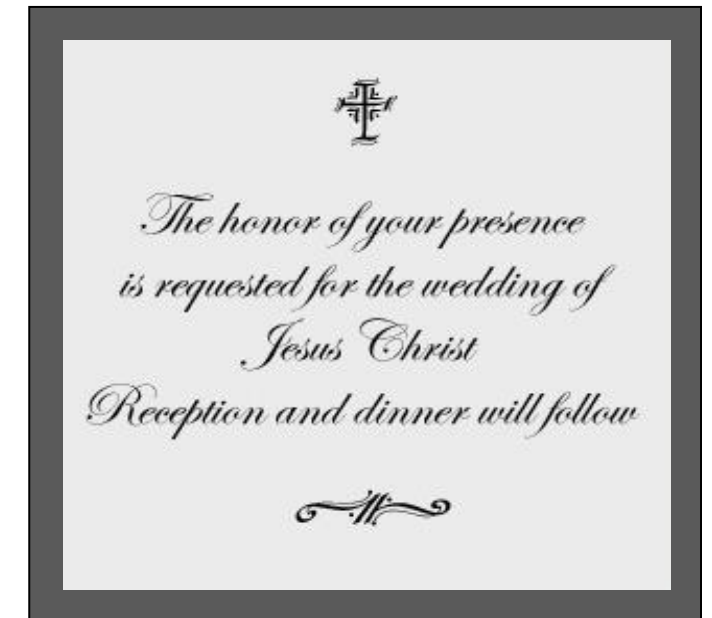
10/7/2018, Sunday morning @ 8 am, Leader: Lynda Forbus, place: FPC Parlor
 10/8/2018, Monday afternoon @ 1:30 pm, Leader: Sara Wilson, place: FPC Parlor
 10/09/2018, Tuesday evening @ 6 pm, Leader: Vivian Cade,
 Location: Michelle Rackley's home, 101 Mariposa Drive
 10/15/2018, Monday evening @ 7 pm, Leader: Amy Weiskopf,
 Location: Kristen Skinners' home @ 1003 Yorkshire Road.

FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team

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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



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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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