

LORD'S DAY SERVICE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE

OCTOBER 21, 2018

PRELUDE *Under His Wings* arr. McConnell
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME & MINISTRY INVITATIONS Martin Lifer

CORPORATE MEETING (11:00): CALLED MEETING OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, INCORPORATED

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *O Worship the Lord*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Ezekiel 36:23b, 25a, 26 Ben Jackson
Minister: The Lord God declares, “The gentiles will know that I am the LORD when, through you, I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.”...

ALL: “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be cleansed from all your filth,... I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you, and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***HYMN 98** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

James Winthrop (Winn) Fandel, son of Peyton and Catherine Fandel

PEYTON AND CATHERINE’S PROFESSIONS OF FAITH & COVENANT VOWS

***CONGREGATION’S COVENANTAL VOWS AND AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH**

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED** (*Unison*) Elder-Sponsor Dr. Bob Daniels
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.

***BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION** adapted from the *Liturgy of the French Reformed Church*
Winn – For you, Jesus Christ came into the world; for you, He went through the agony of Gethsemane and the darkness of Calvary; for you, He triumphed over death; for you, little child, even though you did not know it. But this is what we believe: “We love God, because He first loved us.” So welcome to the family of faith!

BAPTISM AND BLESSING

***CONGREGATIONAL SONG** “*Child of Promise*” Child of promise, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too. We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. Child of promise, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too.

PRAYER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock

GOOD NEWS FROM GOD’S MISSION: STARKVILLE PREGNANCY CENTER Ruth Baareman

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.

GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S GRACE

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

**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.

ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *Praise the Lord*

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

***GIVING TO GOD: HIS TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS**
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY *I’d Rather Have Jesus* arr. Ham
Jennifer Blackburn

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon Series What’s Coming?

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 4:9; Ezekiel 18:4; Matthew 16:26-27
(ESV Pew Bible p. 148, 705, 822)

SERMON *You Will Account for Your Soul*
(and Parents for Teaching Children’s and Grandchildren’s Souls)
Martin Lifer

INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST
INVITATION TO SERVE GOD IN FPC’S UNIVERSITY MINISTRY (8:30 –Thomas Gregory)

***HYMN 6** *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD

***BENEDICTION** Martin Lifer

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *Amen*

POSTLUDE *Peace Be with You* Gawthrop
Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the **Glory of God** by Robert and Jane Alice McDavid and Leslie Baker in memory of **Cpl. Taylor McDavid's 40th Birthday.**

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 (mwilifer3@gmail.com).



FIRSTConnect Cards!

Visitors, ... including MSU and other university students ...and Members - to update your contact information, prayer requests or ministry Questions:

Please complete a FIRSTConnect Card and place it in the Offering ... or in a FIRSTConnect Box in the entranceways.

Deacon of the Month: Tabor Mullen
Today’s Ushers: 8:30 – Bill Gamel; 11:00 – Wallace Cade, Loren Zimmerman
Today’s Greeters: 8:30 – Susan Gamel; 11:00 – Gloria Cade; Wanda Anthony

Ben and Allison Jackson are thankful to announce that Ben's sister Corrie and her husband Darren Hayes had their 3rd daughter, Elin Palmer Hayes, last Monday in Chelsea, AL.



Samaritan’s Purse OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Time to start filling the Operations Christmas Child boxes for Samaritan’s Purse! Boxes are in the Fellowship Hall, and instructional pamphlets are available, as well. Blessing of the Boxes will be Sunday, November 18th!

THE CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

For everyone who had pictures made for the directory – Please see Peggy Branch during the Fellowship time to get your copy.

KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

YOU WILL ACCOUNT FOR YOUR SOUL – to Jesus, the Judge.

DO NOT LOSE IT; KEEP YOUR SOUL DILIGENTLY!

Matt. 16:26a, 27 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? ... For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done.”

THE MOST PRECIOUS THING FOR WHICH YOU WILL ACCOUNT:

Matt. 16:26b - “Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”

Your soul BELONGS TO GOD. ...

Ezekiel 18:4 - **“Behold, all souls are mine;...”**

...keep it DILIGENTLY!

Deut. 4:9a - “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently”

... DO NOT FORFEIT YOUR SOUL CHASING THE WORLD.

Matt. 16:26a – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?”

Deut. 4:9b - “...lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life.”

The devil doesn’t need to make you too evil, just too busy.

Spiritual hunger works just the opposite of physical hunger. When physically hungry, we eat until satisfied and cease to be hungry. But when we are spiritually hungry and are given a feast of spiritual food from God, in only makes us hungrier for God’s communion, grace, and Word. / Conversely, though, when we are physically hungry, our appetite becomes ravenous; however, if we are spiritually underfed – often, as time passes – we don’t become ravenous for spiritual food and may even lose all appetite or yearning for the things of God. [Sherwood Wirt]

REMEMBER IN YOUR HEART - THE LORD, HIS GRACE & WORD TO YOU.

MAKE THEM KNOWN TO YOUR CHILDREN & YOUR GRANDCHILDREN.

Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner
Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m. This Wednesday’s Dinner: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Okra, Rolls, Sour Cream 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.*

Week of October 21, 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 23 – Rex Buffington October 25 – Richard and Jennifer Blackburn

TEJERAS MEAL SPONSORS (*Mission meal for children in Tejeras, Honduras*)
 October 24 and 26 – For the Glory of God by members of the congregation in thanksgiving for the release of Rev. Andrew Brunson.

Prayer List

Michael Tubb – Anna Ray Gassaway's nephew
 Robert McDavid
 Ross Collins
 Paula Elliott
 Gerlene Lifer
 Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
 Marjorie Malone
 Dan Ryder (Jason Ryder's father)
 David Skinner (Kyle Skinner's father)
 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)
 Marie Tubb and John Gassaway (Anna Ray Gassaway's sister-in-law & brother-in-law)
 Frances Knoll Waltman and Cissy Knoll Thomas (Libby Gill's sister and mother)
 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)
 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 TODAY, 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 TODAY, 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 NEXT 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.

In addition, Pastor Lifer and the Session will ask for a congregational vote of affirmation to name James (Jim) Long as an Elder Emeritus.

FPC Women's Ministry – Janice Kinard, Moderator

Mission for October: Operation Christmas Child

Circles, Meeting Places, and Leaders

Circles meet **2nd** week of each month (7:00 pm Circle meets 3rd Monday)

FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team

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