

LORD'S DAY SERVICE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE

REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 28, 2018

PRELUDE J.B. Griffith, Bagpipes

WELCOME & MINISTRY INVITATIONS Martin Lifer

CONVENING OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (8:30): RECEIVING AND THEN
CLOSING NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AS FIRST MAIN ORDER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO WORSHIP Martin Lifer

*INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT AND THE BEADLES' PRESENTATION OF THE BIBLE
(J.B. Griffith, Bagpipes; Jim Long and Jack Forbus, Beadles)

LITANY FROM GOD'S WORD - from John 15:5-8 Ben Jackson

Minister: Jesus declared, "I am the vine, you are the branches...."

CONGREGATION: "If anyone does not abide in Me, then he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned."

Minister: "If you abide in Me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

ALL: "By this my Father is glorified: that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN 104 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* NEW BRITAIN

GOD'S WORD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Amy Aarhus

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH from The Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch'pt. 11 Ben Jackson

Minister: What is the only means of justification before God?

ALL: Faith – thus receiving and resting upon Christ and his righteousness – is the only means of justification.

In the person justified, however, it is always accompanied by all the other saving graces and is not a dead faith, but works by love.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *A Psalm* Beck

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY Jennifer Blackburn (8:30)

Open My Eyes, That I May See Arr. M. Wilson

Marquita Beaty (11:00)

*As the Beadles today carry the Bible into worship, we will rise in respect for the Holy Bible, and we will be seated after the Beadles have opened the Bible.

Having trouble hearing the service? Please see an usher about using one of We have portable units that are connected directly to our sound system for optimum audio.

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; Brenda Harrington

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon Series *What's Coming?*

SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 18:4; Matthew 3:10; 7:18-19; 12:36-37;
Romans 2:6-8; Acts 14:22
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 705, 808, 812, 817)

SERMON (You Will Account for Your Soul – Part 2)
Condemned or Justified by Your Fruit Martin Lifer

INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST

*HYMN 156 (Verses 1, 2 & 5) *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners* HYFRYDOL

*APPROVAL FOR ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING UPON CONCLUSION OF VOTING AT
12:30 P.M.; CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION Martin Lifer

POSTLUDE J.B. Griffith, Bagpipes

*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 supplement FPC's local benevolence mission support and mission 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 (mwliifer3@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.

A NOTE ABOUT REFORMATION SUNDAY: On October 31, 1517, an Augustinian friar and theology professor named Martin Luther nailed to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, 95 propositions, or theses disputing the Roman Catholic practice of selling indulgences. Though initially a call for scholarly debate, the 95 Theses were quickly translated from Luther's scholarly Latin into German, mass-printed with the aid of the movable type printing press, and distributed to the masses. This combination of actions – centering on Luther's devastating critique of the Roman Church's abusive use of indulgences and Luther's call for repentant faith and justification in Christ alone as the only way to salvation – helped ignite what became the Protestant Reformation.

BEADLES AND THE BIBLE. In the early days of the Reformation in Scotland, a lay office in many local Kirks (churches) was that of the "Beadle." The Beadle was usually elected by the Kirk's Session and usually served for an indefinite period of time. (The Session was the Kirk's governing Board consisting of the Pastor and of Elders from among the people). In those days, Bibles were still relatively rare in Scotland among common people, and the Bible of the Kirk (church) was a treasured possession. The chief duties of the Beadle were: (1) To guard and protect the Kirk's Bible and to present it for worship and preaching; (2) To "call" (as indicated by his title) people to stand and worship as he brought the Bible into worship, and to call people to stand and to prepare to follow God's Word into the world; (3) To summon people to church court (the Session); (4) To issue church decrees throughout the parish; (5) To fulfill other duties for the Kirk Session, which sometimes included collecting fines.

THIS TUESDAY (NOON in the Chapel) – JOIN OUR TEAM TO HELP PLAN FOR
DECORATING FPC FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS.

We will begin planning & scheduling this Tuesday, Oct. 30, 12:00-12:30 pm, Chapel – including looking ahead to our main, initial decorating morning on Monday, November 26. Bring your lunch, and join Dinah Clark, Wanda Anthony and others on Tuesday.

KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

The MOST PRECIOUS THING for which you will ACCOUNT: YOUR SOUL
[and --parents --your CHILDREN'S & GRANDCHILDREN'S SOULS.]

Your soul & children's souls BELONG TO GOD. ...

[Ezekiel 18:4] "Behold, *all souls are mine*: the father's soul *as well as the son's soul*."

DO NOT LOSE YOUR SOUL (or your children's souls) CHASING THE WORLD! Matt. 16:26a –
"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?"

The devil doesn't need to make you evil; he just needs to make you busy.

ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES "If anyone does not abide in Me, then he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned." John 15:6

"Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." [Matthew 3:10]

You are Condemned or Justified by Your Fruit

GOD'S STANDARDS FOR JUDGMENT OF SOULS – NOW, WHEN WE DIE, AND ON THE DAY:

(1) PERFECT JUSTICE – You are condemned or justified

(a) according to YOUR OWN Words ... under God's Word.

Matt. 7:2 – "with the judgment you pronounce, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured unto you."

F. Schaeffer – God can say: 'Now where do you stand in the light of your own moral judgments?'

Mt 12:37 "for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

(b) according to YOUR OWN faithfulness.

Romans 2:6 - God will render to each one according to his or her works.

Matt. 16:27 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.*"

(2) JUDGMENT WITH RESPECT TO FAITH = JUDGMENT WITH RESPECT TO FRUIT.

This is NOT justification by our works, but justification by living faith in Christ, which God says ALWAYS bears fruit in keeping with true faith.

BIBLICAL FAITH = FAITHFULNESS => FRUIT

"By their fruit, you shall know them." / "If you abide in Me... you bear much fruit."

Calvin – "It is faith alone that justifies, but justifying *faith will never be alone*."

(3) JUSTIFICATION IN JESUS, WHO UNITES PERFECT JUSTICE + PERFECT GRACE.



Acts 14:22 - strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

Rev 2:7b – "To the one who conquers, I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God"

Week of October 28, 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)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice (Note: Tuesday this week)
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 30 – Loren Zimmerman November 1 – Billy Harrington

Please join us as we continue to extend our condolences to – and our prayers for God's comfort to – the Scales family, following the death on Saturday, October 20, of FPC member Laurin ("Spook") Scales, and following the funeral services led by Pastor Lifer last Monday afternoon, October 22.

Prayer List

Joe Mobley
Nelson Jones
Allison Jackson
Robert McDavid
Ross Collins
Paula Elliott
Jay, Gary and Janet Bardwell
Thomas Guest (grandson of Charlie & Rubye Guest) and Butch Guest (Charlie's brother)
Frances Knoll Waltman and Cissy Knoll Thomas (Libby Gill's sister and mother)
Gerlene Lifer
Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
Marjorie Malone
Michael Tubb – Anna Ray Gassaway's nephew
Dan Ryder (Jason Ryder's father)
David Skinner (Kyle Skinner's father)
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)
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 Sunday, November 18, 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE: We will hold a **Congregational Meeting and Election TODAY** – 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)

From Pastor Martin and the Church Staff to our Women's Circles – Thank you so much for your kind encouragements and the delicious goodies for Staff Appreciation this month. We enjoyed everything!!

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NO Friends & Family meal this Wednesday. Friends & Family Fellowship resumes next Wednesday, November 7.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE - for everyone who had pictures made for the directory. Please see Peggy Branch during the Fellowship to get your copy.

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD boxes are available in the Fellowship Hall, and instructional pamphlets are available, as well. Blessing of the Boxes will be **Sunday, November 18!**



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



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