

LORD'S DAY SERVICE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE
BLESSED TO BLESS THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 18, 2018

PRELUDE *Simple Gifts* arr. Birchwood
 Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME Martin Lifer

GOSPEL ENCOURAGEMENT (8:30) **ARETTA ZITTA & CLUB BEYOND MISSION**
INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Malachi 3:8, 10 Ben Jackson
 Minister: The LORD says, “Will a human being rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In your tithes and contributions.”

ALL: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My House, “ says the LORD of hosts. “Test Me, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down a blessing until there is no more need!”

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***HYMN 636** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *We Gather Together*

GOOD NEWS ON FPC'S STEWARDSHIP & MISSION Zack Harrington, Johnny Fair

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** from The Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch'pt. 21 Ben Jackson
 Minister: Why do Christians and their families set apart each Sunday to worship God as a higher priority than all other activities or relationships?

ALL: It is a law of our natural, earthy life that some appropriate amount of time be set aside for the worship of God. In his Word God has similarly commanded all men in every age to keep one day in seven holy unto Him as a Sabbath. From the beginning of the world up to the resurrection of Christ, this Sabbath was the last day of the week. Since the resurrection of Christ, the Sabbath has been changed to the first day of the week – called the Lord's Day in Scripture – and is continued until the end of the world as the Christian Sabbath.

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS (11:00) *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
 Soloists: Reese McAfee, Elle Lacey, James Rackley

PRAYER WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Amy Aarhus & Pastor Lifer
BLESSING OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD GIFTS

***FURTHER PRAYERS OF BLESSING, CONFESSION, PETITION & 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.

***HYMN 670 THE GLORIA PATRI**

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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: Peggy Branch
Today's Ushers: 8:30 – Charlie Weatherly; 11:00 –Brien Henry
Today's Greeters: 8:30 – Rubye Guest; 11:00 –Amanda Henry

Preparing to Receive the Lord's Supper on Christ the King Sunday – Next Week, November 25, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Services. *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 Thanksgiving and spiritual renewal, 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.*

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon Series What's Coming?

SCRIPTURE John 5:28-29; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:11-15 & 3:11
 (ESV Pew Bible pp. 890, 966, 1040-41, 1030)

SERMON **Final Judgment and Eternal Thanksgiving: Condemnation or Crowns, All Will Know, *Soli Deo Gloria!*** Martin Lifer

INVITING SEEKERS TO FAITH, AND CALLING DISCIPLES TO THE FRUIT OF FAITHFULNESS

TIME OF SILENT PRAYERS AND DISCIPLES' COMMITMENT TO THE LORD

*** HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

***GIVING TO GOD: GOD'S TITHE, FURTHER OFFERINGS, AND BLESSED TO BLESS FAITH STEWARDSHIP 2019 PLEDGES**



OFFERTORY *Give Thanks* arr. Raney
 Jennifer Blackburn, piano

***THANKSGIVING HYMN 639** (vv. 1 & 3) *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

***BENEDICTION** Martin Lifer

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

POSTLUDE *Pass It On* Kurt Kaiser (1934-2018)
 Jennifer Blackburn

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 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 BLESSED TO BLESS Box in the entranceways.



Our church wants to share with you access to a *Cup Running Over* of excellent and inspiring Christian-based digital content through **RightNow Media!**

FPC has a subscription, so all of this content is FREE to our members and friends. We invite you to get started now. You will have access to over 20,000 Discipleship Videos – including Bible studies, Men's and Women's Studies, Teaching on Marriage and Family, and Christian-based Youth and Children's Videos. You can watch content on any of your devices, or show it in the Fellowship Hall or other gathering places for a group study! You will receive an email inviting you to set up a profile to get access to all this material. You can also sign up through the link on our website; call Rita in the church office if you have any questions.

BE AN ANGEL THIS CHRISTMAS! Buy gifts for our FPC Child Care Center workers' dependent children. *Tags with suggested gifts are on the Angel Christmas Tree in Fellowship Hall.* Please take one or more of these tags, buy and wrap the gifts, and bring the wrapped gifts (tags attached) to the church office by Wednesday, December 19.

KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES
Final Judgment and Eternal Thanksgiving

GOOD NEWS, THANK GOD:

(1) PERFECT JUDGE: WE ALL – EACH PERSON – WILL APPEAR BEFORE JESUS THE PERFECT JUDGE TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT.

(2) PERFECT GRACE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM THE JUDGE HIMSELF FOR EACH ONE HE KNOWS: EACH PERSON BORN AGAIN IN HIS SPIRIT.

Justification: There is therefore now no condemnation for all who are in Christ Jesus. Rom. 8:1

Sanctification & Glorification: Jesus doesn't just take us out of hell. **Jesus takes the hell out of us** and by his Spirit takes us into heaven and heaven's harvests!

(3) COMPLETE JUSTICE: THE FULL EXTENT OF OUR LIVES, FAITHFULNESS, AND STEWARDSHIP OF GRACE WILL MATTER ETERNALLY.

(4) PERFECTLY PUBLIC: ALL WILL BE BROUGHT TO LIGHT FOR ALL IN HEAVEN.

(5) PERFECT JUDGMENT, INCLUDING PERFECT REWARDS FOR THE FAITHFUL.

(6) PERFECT CROWNS.

Crown Incorruptible – for disciples who press on in faithful self-discipline [2 Cor. 9:25-27]

Crown of Rejoicing – for disciples help lead other souls to Christ [Philippians 4:1; 1 Thess. 2:19]

Crown of Righteousness – for disciples who long and prepare for his appearing [2 Tim. 4:8]

Crown of Life – for disciples who suffer great trials and even death for the faith [James 1:12; Rev. 2:10]

Crown of Glory – for disciple-pastors who feed the flock [1 Peter 5:2-4]

(7) PERFECT PRAISE: ALL OF THIS FOR GOD'S GLORY ETERNALLY!

Week of November 18, 2018

SUNDAY:	8:30a.m.	Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:25 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)
	5:15 p.m.	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
 November 20 – Paula Ivey November 22 – Thanksgiving – no CK

Prayer List

Gary, Janet and Jay Bardwell
 Ashleigh Murdock and Hawkins Murdock
 Paula Elliott
 Nelson Jones
 Allison Jackson
 Robert McDavid
 Ross Collins
 Tom King (co-worker of Janice Kinard)
 Cindy Stewart (friend of Jane Vemer)
 Thomas Guest (grandson of Charlie & Rubye Guest).
 Frances Knoll Waltman and Cissy Knoll Thomas (Libby Gill's sister and mother)
 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)
 Billy and Brenda Harrington
 Jane Zitta
 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

Help us Ring the Red Kettle Christmas Bell to Raise Funds for the Salvation Army Mission Campaign!

FPC has committed to "Ring the Bell" outside the Starkville Kroger Pharmacy entrance **Saturday, December 22** (noon-7 pm) **Please – individually or with family members or friends – sign up for open one-hour slots** on the sheet posted on the **bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, or sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/FPC-2018-Red-Kettle>** Please call Joel Downey if you have questions.



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	

Elders-Elect for the Class of 2021: Wallace Cade; Jack Forbus; Will Martin; and Cal Rackley
Elders Emeriti – James (Jim) Long and Dero Ramsey
 Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Bob Daniels, Acting Clerk of Session
 The Session's next Stated Meeting is TODAY, 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

Deacons-Elect for the Class of 2021: Glenda Clark; Jack Cook; Peyton Fandel; Robby Holditch

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

Mission for November: Chip Bobbitt

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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Amanda Corley, Child Care Director	fpcccdirector@fpcstarkville.org

No Friends and Family Meal this week. Happy Thanksgiving!

Starkville Christmas Parade

Help Us Decorate the FPC Float for the Starkville Christmas Parade.
 Join us NEXT Sunday, November 25, 2:30 p.m., the west-side church parking lot to decorate our float for the parade. Please call Ashleigh Murdock or the church office, if you would like more information.

University Students!

Join Ben and Allison Jackson for pizza and to watch the Starkville Christmas Parade from the FPC front lawn. And stay after the parade for hot chocolate on our main building front porch. Invite your friends!
 Monday, November 26, 5:00 p.m. (Rain cancels.)

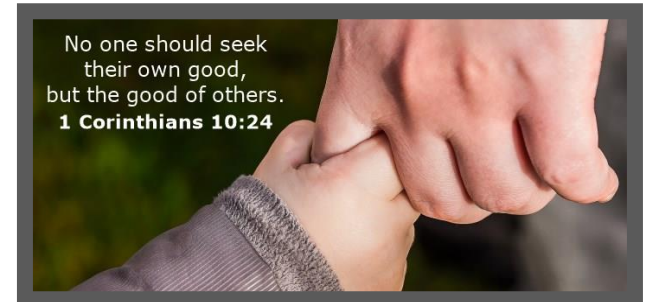
Christmas Co-op Toy Drive for Starkville Poverty Coalition

FPC this year is also a drop-off location for a Toy Drive sponsored by Starkville Poverty Coalition. Donations of new toys for kids ages 12 and younger are being collected for the first annual Starkville Christmas Co-Op, designed to address the needs of those living in chronic poverty in our community. Please be sure to include all parts for the gift (example: crayons for a coloring book). The collection box is under the stairs near the Parlor. Please see details on the box if you'd like to participate. Deadline to donate is December 9.



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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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