

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 25, 2018

PRELUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. Neal
Jennifer Blackburn, organ

WELCOME; INVITATION TO CHRISTMAS MISSION OPPORTUNITIES Martin Lifer

***INTROIT** (11:00 – Chancel Choir, Dr. Craig Aarhus directing)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Ben Jackson

SHARING THE CALL OF GOD'S WORD: *from* Revelation 19:11-13,15b-16
Minister: Then I saw heaven opened and, behold: a white horse! The One sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many crowns; and He has a name written that no one knows but Himself.

ALL: He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which He is called is "The Word of God."... He will tread the winepress of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh He has a name written: "King of kings, and Lord of lords."

PRAYERS OF INVOCATION AND PRAISE

***HYMN 645** (vv. 1, 3 & 5) *Battle Hymn of the Republic* BATTLE HYMN

GOD'S WORD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** *from* The (Westminster) Shorter Catechism Q. 26 Ben Jackson

Minister: How is Christ a king?

ALL: As a king, Christ brings us under his power, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all his and all our enemies.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

***GIVING GOD'S TITHE, OFFERINGS, AND BLESSED TO BLESS PLEDGES**

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

OFFERTORY *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* arr. Hayes
Jennifer Blackburn, piano

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

(Unison Prayer) Father, please forgive us our sin. Lord Jesus, our King, we confess the ways we have failed to live as citizens of heaven and as your ambassadors to our own families, friends, and neighbors. Please bring us to true repentance and renewal in your Spirit, so that we may rightly share the Cup of salvation You purchased by your blood. By your grace, we pledge to be joyfully clear in sharing your Good News and inviting others to come with us to your House – especially this Advent, Christmas, and New Year.

SILENT PRAYERS

GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE

***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 Week: Kristen Skinner

Today's Ushers: (8:30) – Janice Kinard; (11:00) – Brien Henry, Tyler Wolfe

Today's Greeters: (8:30) – Janice Kinard; (11:00) – Amanda Henry, Katelyn Wolfe

Please join us as we extend our condolences to – and our prayers for God's comfort to – the Knight family, following the death on Friday, November 16, of Scottie's brother, James Ray Wood.

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon Series *What's Coming?*

SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:17-21; Matthew 24:29-31;
2 Timothy 4:8; 2 Thessalonians 1:10
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 981-2; 830; 996; 989)

SERMON *The King (and Those Who Love His Coming)* Martin Lifer

GOD'S WORD SEALED: *THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.

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

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF DEDICATION - FOR RECIPIENTS AS CHRIST'S WITNESSES

***+HYMN 302** *Rejoice, the Lord is King* DARWALL

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be With You Until We Meet Again*

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Holden/Kirkland
Jennifer Blackburn, piano

**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 **supplement FPC's local benevolence mission support and mission ministries.**

NEXT SUNDAY, December 2 (1st Sunday of Advent), join us for our

ONE, UNIFIED 11 a.m. Christmas Mission Blessings Service

Featuring the FPC Chancel Choir singing *Love Came Down at Christmas*
(by Joel Raney) Celebrating God's Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

**Please see back of this bulletin for weekly announcements,
and see the bulletin insert for a further
FPC Advent & Christmas Calendar and a Poinsettia Order form.**

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 (mwlfifer3@gmail.com).



**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.**

KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

The King (and Those Who Love His Coming)

(1) Many ... walk as enemies of the Cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame – with minds set on earthly things. Phil. 3:18-19

(2) **BUT OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN.** Phil. 3:20

(3) ... AND **FROM HEAVEN, WE AWAIT A SAVIOR: THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.** Phil. 3:20

(4) **LAI D UP IN HEAVEN A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** – for disciples who love/prepare for his appearing [2 Tim. 4:8]

(5) **HE WILL COME AS THE SON OF MAN: JUDGE... AND SAVIOR.** Matt. 24:29-31

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened,... and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

³⁰ Then will appear *in heaven* the **sign of the Son of Man**, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and **they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

³¹ And **He will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

(6) **HE WILL TRANSFORM OUR LOWLY BODIES TO BE LIKE HIS GLORIOUS BODY – BY THE POWER THAT ENABLES HIM EVEN TO SUBJECT ALL THINGS TO HIMSELF.** Phil. 3:21

(7) **THE LORD COMES ON THAT DAY TO BE GLORIFIED IN HIS SANCTIFIED ONES, AND TO BE MARVELED AT BY ALL WHO HAVE BELIEVED....** 2 Thess. 1:10a

Week of November 25, 2018

SUNDAY:	8:30 a.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)
	5:15 p.m.	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	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.	Plenary Study with FPC Missionaries (Fellowship Hall)
	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

November 27 – Rex Buffington November 29 – Loren Zimmerman

Volunteers Needed Next Week

Help pick up canned goods for Casserole Kitchen from United Way.
Thursday, November 29, 10:30 a.m. Please call Loren Zimmerman for details.

Prayer List

Gary, Janet and Jay Bardwell
Ashleigh Murdock and Hawkins Murdock
Paula Elliott
Nelson Jones
Allison Jackson
Robert McDavid
Ross Collins
Gerlene Lifer
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

Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner
This will be our Last F&F for the Season; see you again January 16, 2019!
Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m. This Wednesday's Dinner: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, 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.*



A Gift for our Members and Friends!

Get 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. Watch content on any of your devices, or together for a group study!
You can sign up through an invitation in your email or through the link on our website.
Call Rita in the church office if you have any questions.

JOIN US for EARLY CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

HELP Decorate FPC for Advent and Christmas this WEDNESDAY MORNING!

Join us this Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. to help us get the church ready for the Holy Advent & Christmas season!



Starkville Christmas Parade – Tomorrow (Monday), November 26, 5:00 p.m.

Help Us Decorate the FPC Float THIS AFTERNOON!

Join us TODAY, 2:30 p.m., the west-side church parking lot to decorate our float for the Christmas parade.

Please call Ashleigh Murdock or the church office, if you would like more information.



University Students!

Join Ben and Allison Jackson tomorrow afternoon and evening for pizza and to watch the Starkville Christmas Parade from the FPC front lawn.

Invite your friends!

Gather 5:00 p.m.; Parade begins at 6:00 p.m. (Rain cancels.)

MISSION HELP NEEDED



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

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.



Christmas Co-op Toy Drive for Starkville Poverty Coalition

FPC is a drop-off location for a Toy Drive sponsored by Starkville Poverty Coalition. Donations of new toys for children 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 (e.g., 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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