

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
JANUARY 20, 2019

PRELUDE	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	arr. Williamson Jennifer Blackburn, organ
WELCOME		Martin Lifer Will Rackley
INVITATION TO FPC MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT (FEB. 1-2)		
*INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir, Jim Beaty Directing)		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Martin Lifer
*INVOCATION		
*HYMN 98	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	NETTLETON

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(8:30) Esther Hall Downey, daughter of Joel and Laura Downey
(11:00) Charles William Weiskopf, son of Lee and Amy Weiskopf

PARENTS' PROFESSIONS OF FAITH & COVENANT VOWS

*CONGREGATION'S COVENANTAL VOWS (8:30) Elder Sponsor – Jeff Foster
(11:00) Elder Sponsor – Cal Rackley

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison) Ben Jackson
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
Esther/Charles – 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 Martin Lifer (8:30); Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

*ANTHEM (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *God's Peace*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & PETITION 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
* RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY

*GIVING - GOD'S TITHE, 2019 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES, AND FURTHER OFFERINGS

*PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION

OFFERTORY *Wayfaring Stranger* arr. Austin
Jennifer Blackburn, piano

*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.

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Psalm 127:1-2 & 23:1-3a,5; Leviticus 23:3
Matthew 11:28-29; 1 Timothy 6:6-7
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 518, 458, 101, 816, 993)

SERMON *Made for Margin...
for Your Maker.* Martin Lifer

INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST

*HYMN 440 *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Hallelujah, Amen*

POSTLUDE *Postlude in G* Canales
Jennifer Blackburn, piano

Deacon of the Month: Johnny Fair
Today's Ushers: (8:30) – Bob Boyd; (11:00) – Wallace Cade, Loren Zimmerman
Today's Greeters: (8:30) – Priscilla Boyd; (11:00) – Gloria Cade, Janice Kinard

The primary flowers for our Sunday morning worship today are given *to the glory of God* by Billy and Brenda Harrington in memory of their son Kirk Harrington.

The additional floral arrangements are provided today *to the glory of God* and *in memory of Thelma Elliott Gentry* by her family.

Longtime FPC member Thelma Gentry joined the Church Triumphant last Tuesday, January 15. On Wednesday afternoon, at the Oak Lynn Cemetery in Crawford, Pastor Lifer led the family in an Interment Service. **The Memorial Service will be this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary, followed by a time for Visitation with the family in Fellowship Hall, concluding at 5:30 p.m.**

Please join us in continuing to extend our condolences – and to pray for God's comfort to Malcolm and Gloria Gentry, Janice, Elvis, Elliott and Kirk Kinard, and all other members of the Gentry and Kinard families.

Visiting with Us?

We warmly welcome you to our worship of God this Lord's Day.
Please complete a FIRSTConnect Card and place it in the Offering ... or in a FIRSTConnect Box in the entranceways.

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 (mwlfir3@gmail.com).

We also **hope you will plan to be guests of Pastor and Nancy Lifer**, together with other FPC members, **for our**

FIRST CONNECT Lunch & Learn Fellowship

Two weeks from today:

Sunday, February 3, 2019, 12:10-1:15, p.m.



This is an excellent opportunity for all currently visiting FPC to learn more about becoming part of our church family and ministries. We can provide childcare and lunch for younger children whose parents are attending. Please simply let Pastor Lifer, Nancy, or the Church Office know the ages and needs of any young children joining us for FIRSTConnect.

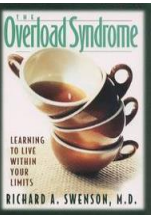
TODAY'S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

Richard A. Swenson, M.D., and Christian Writer –
MARGIN: Restoring Emotional, Physical, Financial, and Time Reserves to Overloaded Lives.

and
The OVERLOAD SYNDROME: Learning to Live Within Your Limits

“Margin” = “space between our _____ and our _____.”
“When you reach the limits of your resources or abilities, you have no margin left.”

5 environments: physical and cognitive, ... social, emotional, and spiritual.



You are *Made for Margin for Your Maker.*

(1) Driving ourselves and our families with no boundaries and no margin is foolish, faithlessness ... and finally fatal. *Psalm 127:1-2*

“Overloaded” = No reserves of time, finances, health, healthy emotions, spiritual grace => Discontented

Scheduling ourselves (and our children) *full* with earthly activities **does NOT lead to fulfillment: neither fulfilled souls nor God's Kingdom!**

(2) Belief in God => Freedom to Live by the Schedule He Blesses
and that Jesus Lived: “*The Pace of Faith.*”

(a) Each Day: Make Margin for Your Maker.

Mark 1:35 – And rising early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went to a desolate place, and there He prayed.

(b) One Day Each Week, A Holy Convocation

Luke 4:16b - As was his custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath Day.

Leviticus 23:3a – Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest:

A Holy Convocation

(3) Saved by Grace (Baptism Fulfilled): Led by the Lord into His Rest.

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 1 Timothy 6:6

What did Jesus possess then?
What does Jesus possess now?

The LORD is my Shepherd. *I shall not want!* = Contented, Saved Soul

Matthew 11:28-29 - "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."



He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

Fulfilled Souls and God's Kingdom!

You anoint my head with oil. My cup runneth over!

Week of January 20, 2019

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
	4:00 p.m.	Memorial Service for Thelma Gentry
MONDAY:	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed	
	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.	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

January 22 – Rex Buffington January 24 – Richard and Jennifer Blackburn

Prayer List

Sylvia Love
 Scottie Knight
 Chares Atkinson
 Allison Jackson
 Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
 Marjorie Malone
 Paula Elliott
 Paula and Carl Ivey
 Ross Collins
 Billy and Brenda Harrington
 Gerlene Lifer
 Ashleigh Murdock and Hawkins Murdock
 Beverly Smitherman (Ellen Mauldin's cousin)
 Bob and Dot Forbus (brother and sister-in-law of Jack Forbus)
 Bobby Fleming (brother of Gloria Cade)
 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
 Michael Tubb – Anna Ray Gassaway's nephew
 Dan Ryder (Jason Ryder's father)
 David Skinner (Kyle Skinner's father)
 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)
 David Sanders (Friend of Loren Zimmerman)

Additional Prayer List for Health Care / Assisted Living

Bessie Montgomery – Montgomery Gardens
 Louise Haddigan – The Claiborne
 Cattie Taylor – Beehive, Starkville
 Jane Lusk – The Claiborne
 Jetta Kuykendall – The Grove, Columbia
 Frances Oakley – Sunnybrook Estates, Madison
 Marie Tramel – Plain View, Richland
 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

Visitors and members – *If you are not already in a **Sunday Bible Study & Fellowship Group** – join us for one of the following:*

Adult Bible Study & Fellowship Groups, every Sunday 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Crusader Class

*(led by Jack Forbus, Ernie George, Charlie Guest and other teachers – in the Fellowship Hall) Beginning a new study on the **Book of Acts**.*

Faith for Life Class

*(Led by Pastor Lifer – in the **Chapel, behind the Sanctuary Chancel**) Studying the Gospel in Genesis: Dr. Lifer's review of key highlights every literate Christian needs to know in the First Book.*

Joy Class

*(led by Phil Gruchy – in the **Parlor, 1st Floor, Sanctuary Bldg.**)*

New Covenant Class

*(led by Jim Beaty – in the **Central Room behind Sanctuary Balcony**) Currently learning the **CASKET EMPTY** systematic study of the Old and New Testament.*

Women in the Word Class

*(led by Nancy Lifer – in **Room S-6, main Sanctuary Floor**) Beginning a new study – **Faith: A Bible Study on James for Women**, by Keri Fulmar.*



Enjoy Fellowship & Bible Study Each Sunday Morning!

FPC Women's Ministry – Janice Kinard, Moderator

Mission for January: FPC Children's Ministry, Ashleigh Murdock

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

Lesson: Week Two – Joshua and the Promised Land

Circle meeting 01/21/19, Monday evening @ 7 pm @ home of Amy Weiskopf; Leader: Amy Weiskopf

Men – Please check the bulletin insert for details on the *Men's Ministry Personal Enrichment Conference*. Please **RSVP** by 1/27/19

Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m.

Please see bulletin insert for more news on Wednesday Night Children's and Youth Ministries, Men's Fraternity Study, and Women's Study.

THIS Wednesday's Dinner: Chicken and Dumplings, Green Beans, Fried Okra, Rolls, Dessert. 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 by Monday, at NOON!*

Help Needed for Sunday Worship Services!

Please Volunteer to Be an Usher or Greeter on One or More Sundays.

Please access our "Signup Genius" webpage to sign up, or call Rita at the church office 662-323-1994.

Sign up for the 8:30 a.m. Service: <https://tinyurl.com/FPC-830am-U-G-Jan-Jun-2019>

Sign up for the 11:00 a.m. Service: <https://tinyurl.com/FPC-11am-U-G-Jan-Jun-2019>

Mission Information for the Starkville Pregnancy Center

On this **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** that FPC Starkville joins with other evangelical churches around the nation in recognizing – We encourage you to pick up and to read a copy of the information page provided by the Starkville Pregnancy Center, an important and very special local mission that FPC supports.



Starkville's Church
That Preaches the *Doctrines of Grace*
and
That is Part of the EPC –
A Global Movement of Evangelical Christians.



SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

JANUARY 20, 2019

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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Office Hours

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