

<div>SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY</div> <div>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)</div> <div>FEBRUARY 17, 2019</div>		
PRELUDE	<i>To Walk in Faith</i>	Paxton Jennifer Blackburn
WELCOME		Martin Lifer
*INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Ben Jackson
Leader: Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have.		
ALL: For He has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”		
*INVOCATION		
*HYMN 166	<i>Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me</i>	ST. CATHERINE
SHARING GOOD NEWS: <i>SERVANTHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL</i> AND PASTOR MARCUS RICHMOND		
GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN	Martin Lifer (8:30); Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)	
*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH	The (Westminster) Larger Catechism Qs. 61 & 69	Ben Jackson
Minister: Is everyone saved who hears the gospel and goes to church?		
ALL: Not everyone who hears the gospel and attends a visible church is saved. The saved are only the true members of the Invisible Church.		
Minister: What communion in grace do members of the invisible church have with Christ?		
ALL: By their communion in grace with Christ, the members of the Invisible Church share the dynamic power of his mediation in their justification, adoption, sanctification, and in all the other ways that show their union with Him in this life.		
*ANTHEM	<i>How Deep the Father’s Love</i>	
PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & PETITION		Martin Lifer
THE LORD’S PRAYER ( <i>Unison</i> ) 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		
*OFFERING – GIVING GOD’S TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS		
*PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION		
OFFERTORY	<i>I Love You, Lord</i>	arr. Hayes 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 these devices!

**Deacon of the Month:** Joel Downey (8:30) Jason Ryder (11:00)  
**Today’s Ushers:** (8:30) – Marshall Molen; (11:00) – Ernie George, Larry Anthony  
**Today’s Greeters:** (8:30) – Pattie Molen; (11:00) – Leslie Corey, Wanda Anthony

Members of our FPC congregation have given today’s Sanctuary Flowers to **the Glory of God** and to enhance our worship of God this Lord’s Day.

Please also join us in expressions of condolences to – and prayers on behalf of – the Rackley and Cook families, following the **death Thursday of Mary Rackley, mother of Perry Rackley and Cecelia Cook**. After an earlier gathering of family members for a graveside service of committal and commendation, there will be a **Visitation in our FPC Sanctuary tomorrow (February 18), 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

<div>GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED</div>		
SCRIPTURE	Hosea 3; 2 Corinthians 11:2-4; Revelation 19:7-8 (ESV Pew Bible pp. 752, 969, 1040)	
SERMON SERIES	<i>GETTING PERSONAL: GOD’S SAVING LOVE</i>	
TODAY’S SERMON	<i>Does His Bride Ever Talk to Him?</i>	Martin Lifer
INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST		
*HYMN 419	<i>Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult</i>	GALILEE
*BENEDICTION		
CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Amen</i>	
POSTLUDE	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	Zundel Jennifer Blackburn, organ

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**Visiting with Us?**  
 We warmly welcome you to our worship of God this Lord’s Day.  
 Please complete a ***FIRST*Connect Card** and place it in the Offering ... or in a ***FIRST*Connect 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 (mwlifer3@gmail.com).

<div>Youth and SOS Children to Winter Jam Christian Concert</div> <div>This Thursday Night!</div>

<p>FPC Youth and older SOS Ministry Children (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up) will be attending Winter Jam in Tupelo this Thursday, February 21. For more information, please contact Ashleigh Murdock <a href="mailto:aabmurdock@gmail.com">aabmurdock@gmail.com</a> or Kirk Kinard at <a href="mailto:kirkkinard@gmail.com">kirkkinard@gmail.com</a>            For more details about the concerts, see this link <a href="http://2019.jamtour.com/">http://2019.jamtour.com/</a></p>

**Welcoming Today to FPC *ServantHood International Ministries* Pastor Marcus Richmond, Pastor’s Wife Rhonda Richmond, and their children.** Beginning last fall, God has blessed FPC to begin prayer and mission-provision support to Rev. Richmond and the church plant and Christian community outreach he is leading in Okalona (including significant ministry among single-parent households in the region). FPC and our Outreach Team are delighted to continue that support in 2019.



*Photo above left: Dolph Bryan, Bob Daniels, and Dr. Lifer gather with Rev. Marcus and Rhonda Richmond at FPC in October to present FPC’s gift of a van to ServantHood International Ministries.*  
*Photo above right: Rev. Marcus and Rhonda Richmond at a recent celebration of ServantHood International Ministries.*

TODAY’S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES
<p><b>(1) The Church: “The Bride of Christ,” ... and</b>  <i>R.C. Sproul on Christ’s Possible Complaint: “My Bride Never Talks to Me!”</i></p>
<p><b>(2) Hosea’s Redemption of His Adulterous and Enslaved Wayward Wife,... and God’s Prophecy of Wayward Israel’s Repentance when the Messiah Comes as Redeemer.</b></p>
<p>... Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days. Hosea 3:5</p>

**“The Bride of Christ,”**  
**For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.** – *The Apostle Paul to the Church in Corinth* (2 Corinthians 11:2)

**(3) But *DOES* Christ’s Bride Ever Talk to Him?**

**(4) The True Church (the Invisible Church ) - Composed of All the Faithfull Truly United with and Sanctified by Jesus - Talks to Him and Prepares Herself for Him.**

<p><i>“His Bride has made herself ready.”</i> Revelation 19:7b</p>
<p>Husbands, love your wives – <b>as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for Her, <i>so that</i> He might sanctify Her, ... that He might present Her to Himself in splendor, spotless....”</b> Ephesians 5:25-27</p>
<p><b>Having loved his own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.</b> John 13:1b</p>

**The Gospel Truth of Biblical, Reformed “Doctrines of Grace” —**  
**God’s Saving Love Is Personal, Specific, Transforming, Unconditional & Eternal.**

<p>Real Love AND Salvation are Personal &amp; Specific, “Get Personal,” and are Unconditional</p>
<p><b><u>THE INVITATION:</u></b></p>
<p>Real Faith in &amp; Love for the Savior are Personal &amp; Specific, “Get Personal,” and are Unconditional</p>

This Wednesday, Pastor Lifer welcomes a first opportunity for FPC Pastors and FPC Outreach: He will be the Chapel Preacher at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson (11 a.m., Grace Chapel). If you are in the area, please join him, and meet the faculty and seminary students.



RTS Jackson Spring 2019 Chapel Schedule

02-06-19 | Dr. Ligon Duncan  
 02-13-19 | Dr. Mac McCarty  
 02-20-19 | Dr. Martin Lifer  
 02-27-19 | Dr. Bill Richardson  
 03-06-19 | Dr. Jon Payne (Spiritual Life Conference)

Week of February 17, 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
MONDAY:	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
TUESDAY:	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (Ed. Bldg)
	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
WEDNESDAY:	5:15 p.m.	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
	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
THURSDAY:	6:00 p.m.	HeBrews in Fellowship Hall-coffee, dessert, visiting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
	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		
February 19 – Paula Ivey		February 21 – Bob Boyd

Prayer List	
Tom McElroy	
Sylvia Love	
Scottie Knight	
Chares Atkinson	
Allison Jackson	
Marjorie Malone	
Paula Elliott	
Paula and Carl Ivey	
Ross Collins	
Billy and Brenda Harrington	
Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell	
Gerlene Lifer	
Hawkins Murdock	
Beverly Smitherman (Ellen Mauldin’s cousin)	
Bob and Dot Forbus, and Raleigh Wood (brother, sister-in-law, and friend of Jack Forbus)	
Bobby Fleming (brother of Gloria Cade)	
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	
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	

FPC Officers	
The Session and Diaconate meet monthly. Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Bob Daniels, Clerk of Session Elders Emeriti: James (Jim) Long and Dero Ramsey	
Elders Serving on Our Session	
<u><b>Class of 2019</b></u> Dolph Bryan Harold Clark Cecelia Cook Bob Daniels Orly Hardin Edward Kemp	<u><b>Class of 2020</b></u> Carl Ivey Jim Beaty Peggy Johnson Jeff Foster
<u><b>Class of 2021</b></u> Wallace Cade Jack Forbus Will Martin Cal Rackley	
Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate	
<u><b>Class of 2019</b></u> Peggy Branch Vivian Cade Joel Downey Jason Ryder	<u><b>Class of 2021</b></u> Glenda Clark Jack Cook Peyton Fandel Robby Holditch
<u><b>Class of 2020</b></u> Tabor Mullen Kristen Skinner Johnny Fair Jeremy Murdock	

Officer-Leaders of Ministry Teams	
<i>Please speak to these leaders today to learn more about the following ministry teams:</i>	
Bob Daniels	Administrative Team
Peggy Johnson	Education Team
Jack Forbus	Outreach and Missions Team
Orly Hardin	Shepherding Team
Cecelia Cook	Worship Team

FPC Starkville (EPC) Women’s Ministry	
Janice Kinard, Moderator	
Curriculum Sub-Committee meeting – Monday, Feb.18, noon, Johnson Room	
Mission for February: FPC Youth Ministry – Kirk Kinard	
Lesson: Week 4, The Kingdoms and the Prophets	
<b>Circle Meetings</b> - 2nd week of each month (7:00 pm Circle meets 3rd Mon.)	
Monday, 2/18 – 7 pm, Home of Kristen Skinner, 1103 Yorkshire, Leader: Amy Weiskopf	
FPC Starkville (EPC) Men’s Ministry	
Will Rackley, <i>President</i> , Charlie Weatherly, <i>Treasurer</i>	

Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner	
Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m.	
THIS Wednesday’s Dinner: Ham, Field Peas, Macaroni & Cheese, Cornbread, Butter Cream Cake. Adults may also choose a Chef Salad, ... or as always, children may have pizza – just let us know. <i>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!</i>	

University Ministry	
On Mondays, Ben and Allison Jackson host a CCO/FPC meal to students in their home. Church members are invited not only to help with food but to eat and mingle with everyone. If you would like to join in some way, please speak to or email Allison or Ben ( <a href="mailto:allidjackson@gmail.com">allidjackson@gmail.com</a> , <a href="mailto:bjackson@ccojubilee.org">bjackson@ccojubilee.org</a> ).	



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