

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)
FEBRUARY 24, 2019

PRELUDE *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*, arr. Berry Michelle Rackley (8:30)
When Morning Gilds the Skies, arr. Shackley Marquitta Beaty (11:00)

WELCOME Martin Lifer

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

CALL TO WORSHIP
INVOCATION

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m. Service)
George Porter Luke, son of Caleb and Betsy Luke

CALEB AND BETSY'S PROFESSIONS OF FAITH & COVENANT VOWS

***CONGREGATION'S COVENANTAL VOWS** Elder Sponsor – Edward Kemp

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** (*Unison*)

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*

Bounds – 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.

***HYMN 98** *Come, Thou Fount Love of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

SONG OF PRAISE (11:00 – Children's Choirs, Kathy McGill, Dir.)

PRAYER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN Martin Lifer (8:30); Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

***HYMN 670 THE GLORIA PATRI**

***ANTHEM** (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *Awake a Joyful Song* Ware

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**

***OFFERING – GIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS**

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

OFFERTORY *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* Michelle Rackley (8:30)
with In the Cross of Christ I Glory, arr. Berry
God Will Take Care of You, arr. J. Koerts Marquitta Beaty (11:00)

**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!

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:6
 (ESV Pew Bible p. 975)

SERMON SERIES *GETTING PERSONAL: GOD'S SAVING LOVE*

TODAY'S SERMON *All that Matters Is Faith, Working through Love* Martin Lifer

INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST

***HYMN 374** *The Longer I Serve Him* THE SWEETER HE GROWS

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* TRADITIONAL

POSTLUDE *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, arr. Berry Michelle Rackley (8:30)
Tell the Good News, arr. D. Phillips Marquitta Beaty (11:00)

**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.

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.

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 (mwilifer3@gmail.com).

Prepare to Receive the Lord's Supper Faithfully Next Week:

- Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday (8:30 & 11:00 a.m.)

- Ash Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Service (March 6, 6:00 p.m.).

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper next week in **Transfiguration of the Lord (March 3) Sunday Services, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**, and, again, on **Ash Wednesday Evening** – beginning the Lenten Season of Repentant Spiritual Renewal, looking ahead to the conclusion of Lent as we move through Holy Week, and then celebrate Resurrection Sunday (Easter) on April 21.



All baptized and affirming believers who have previously been approved and prepared to discern and partake of the Body, and active in fellowship with our church OR ANY OTHER CHURCH professing personal faith in salvation through Jesus Christ: We invite you to begin this week a focused time of spiritual renewal, in preparation for your sharing Holy Communion next week. God's Word instructs that our 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.

TODAY'S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

(1) Love – Lost and Found. Rediscovering Love's Invitation

(2) Love's Decisive Choice: Choosing to Save.

- *All that Matters Is Faith, Working through Love.* Galatians 5:6b

(3) Christian Family: All that Matters Is Faith, Working through Love.



- Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4

(4) Church Family, Inreach and Outreach: All that Matters Is Faith, Working through Love.

- because *we have heard about your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all the saints.* Colossians 1:4

- because *I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints.* Philemon 1:5

- *For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, Ephesians 1:15-16*

- *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”* John 13:33-34

THE INVITATION:

Real Faith in & Love in Jesus and for Jesus *Get Personal & Are Specific.*

Week of February 24, 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)
	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.	Dr. Lifer's <i>In Jesus' Footsteps</i> Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	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

February 26 –Rex Buffington February 28 – Richard and Jennifer Blackbourn

TEJERAS MEAL SPONSORS (Mission meal for children in Tejeras, Honduras)
February 27, March 1 – By members of the congregation for the Glory of God.

Help needed for Church Member on our Prayer List – A church member needs someone to accompany them to Tupelo for a procedure on **Monday, April 1**. The procedure will take at least 3 hours. Please call Rita at the church office to volunteer. Thank you.

Prayer List

Kevin McCauley (Bob Daniel's friend)
Sylvia Love
Chares Atkinson
Allison Jackson
Marjorie Malone
Paula Elliott
Paula and Carl Ivey
Ross Collins
Tom McElroy
Billy and Brenda Harrington
Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
Gerlene Lifer
Scottie Knight
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
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)
John Gassaway and Michael Tubb (Anna Ray Gassaway's brother-in-law and nephew)
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

Class of 2019

Dolph Bryan
Harold Clark
Cecelia Cook
Bob Daniels
Orly Hardin
Edward Kemp

Class of 2020

Carl Ivey
Jim Beaty
Peggy Johnson
Jeff Foster

Class of 2021

Wallace Cade
Jack Forbus
Will Martin
Cal Rackley

Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate

Class of 2019

Peggy Branch
Vivian Cade
Joel Downey
Jason Ryder
Class of 2020
Tabor Mullen
Kristen Skinner
Johnny Fair
Jeremy Murdock

Class of 2021

Glenda Clark
Jack Cook
Peyton Fandel
Robby Holditch

Officer-Leaders of Ministry Teams

Please speak to these leaders today to learn more about the following ministry teams:

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

Mission for February: FPC Youth Ministry – Kirk Kinard

Circle Meetings - 2nd week of each month (7:00 pm Circle meets 3rd Mon.)

FPC Starkville (EPC) Men's Ministry

Will Rackley, *President*, Charlie Weatherly, *Treasurer*

Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner

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

THIS Wednesday's Dinner: Chicken & Dressing, Corn on the Cob, Green Beans, Rolls, Caramel 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 by Monday, at NOON!*



If you are interested in being part of our October 2019 Mission Trip to Visit Scotland and the Free Church of Scotland congregations we are helping God to plant in Haddington and Dundee, and if you have not yet spoken to Jack Forbus or to Dr. Lifer as we begin to make our arrangements – then please speak to one of them,... or leave a message this week with Rita Usher, Dr. Lifer's Pastoral Secretary.

Additional European Travel Opportunity next August: (2020) Olin McBride is leading a trip to Oberammergau, Germany, for the famous Passion Play that occurs in this little village. Departs August 10, 2020 from Memphis. [Land only cost is \$1999 if deposit of \$500 is made before this Thursday, February 28. After that date it goes up \$500. Airfare will be around \$1250 to \$1500. So total cost if you reserve by this Thursday is about \$3500 person.] For more information, call Olin or the church office.



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



FEBRUARY 17, 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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