

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)**  
**MARCH 3, 2019**  
*TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY*

**PRELUDE** *Fantasia on "O How I Love Jesus"* arr. Krug  
 Jennifer Blackburn

**WELCOME** Martin Lifer  
**MISSION NEWS FROM FRENCH CAMP ACADEMY** (11:00 - Stewart Edwards, President)

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Luke 9:23 Ben Jackson  
 Minister: Then Jesus said to all, "If anyone would come after Me,  
**ALL: "Let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.  
 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his  
 life for my sake will save it."**

**INVOCATION**  
 \***HYMN 83** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

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

\***HYMN 670 THE GLORIA PATRI**  
 \***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** from The (Westminster) Shorter Catechism Q. 97 Ben Jackson

Minister: What is the right way to receive the Lord's Supper?  
**ALL: The right way to receive the Lord's Supper is to examine ourselves  
 whether we discern the Lord's Body, whether our faith feeds on Him, and  
 whether we have repentance, love and a new obedience – so that we may  
 not come in the wrong way and thereby eat and drink judgment upon  
 ourselves.**

\***RESPONSIVE HYMN 166** (vv. 1-2) *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* ST. CATHERINE

\***ANTHEM** (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *For Where Love Is, There Is God*

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & PETITION** Martin Lifer  
**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** *How Beautiful* arr. Larson  
 Jennifer Blackburn

\**The congregation is invited to stand.*

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the **Glory of God** by **Tabor, Jackie, and  
 Carson Mullen** in memory of **Tabor's mother, Missy Mullen.**

**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) – Bill Gamel; (11:00) – Billy Harrington, Jack Atkins  
**Today's Greeters:** (8:30) – Susan Gamel; (11:00) – Brenda Harrington, Kirk Kinard

As part of our Outreach Ministry Team's celebration of Mission Good News for FPC, we  
 welcome today Stewart Edwards, President of French Camp Academy.



**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 9:51; John 10:26-30  
 (ESV Pew Bible pp. 868 & 897)

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

**TODAY'S SERMON** *Not Reckless; ... Resolute and Everlasting Love* Martin Lifer

**INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST**

**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**

**BLESSED AND SENT AS WITNESSES OF GOD'S WORD**

\***HYMN 111** (vv. 1) *The Love of God* LOVE OF GOD

\***BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** *Amen* TRADITIONAL

**POSTLUDE** *Lead On, O King Eternal* arr. Smith  
 Jennifer Blackburn

\**The congregation is invited to stand.*

**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 (mwlfier3@gmail.com).

**Receiving the Lord's Supper Faithfully This Morning and  
 Wednesday Night:**

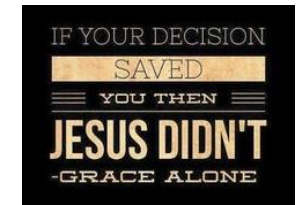
We will serve the Lord's Supper in today's morning services and, again,  
 during the concluding part of our  
**Ash Wednesday Communion Service this week (6 p.m.).**



*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  
 a focused time of spiritual renewal, in preparation for your sharing Holy Communion. 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 – getting the words Right, getting THE WORD right.**



**(2) Not Reckless; ... Resolute and Everlasting Love.**

**(a) Jesus Knew and Counted the Cost – in the Light of His Glory, His Love, and His Joy.**

*Then He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."  
 And He strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many  
 things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."  
 And He said to all, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me."  
 "... Luke 9:20-22*

And behold, two men were talking with Him – Moses and Elijah – who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus,  
 which He was about to accomplish in Jerusalem. Luke 9:31

But while they were marveling at everything He said, Jesus said to his disciples. *"Let these words sink into your ears:  
 The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men."* Luke 9:43b-44

**(b) Love's Resolute Choice: "Jesus steadfastly/resolutely set his face to go to Jerusalem."**

Hebrews 12:2 ... Who – for the joy that was set before Him – endured the cross, despising the shame....

The Good Shepherd's Love [John 10:18] *"No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have  
 authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."*

**(3) JESUS' INVITATION -  
 Live Securely in His Resolute and Everlasting Love: True Communion.**

*"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish,  
 and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, Who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is  
 able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are One." John 10:27-30*

*"and they follow Me."*



**Week of March 3, 2019**

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	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
<b>MONDAY:</b>	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (Ed. Bldg)
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	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)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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.	Ash Wednesday Communion Service
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	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**  
 March 5 – Loren Zimmerman      March 7 – Billy Harrington

**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**

Bob and Dot Forbus, and Raleigh Wood (brother, sister-in-law, and friend of Jack Forbus)  
 Paula Elliott  
 Sylvia Love  
 Ellen and Charlie Weatherly  
 Danielle Gregory (friend of Bruce Leopold)  
 Charles Atkinson  
 Allison Jackson  
 Marjorie Malone  
 Paula and Carl Ivey  
 Ross Collins  
 Tom McElroy  
 Billy and Brenda Harrington  
 Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell  
 Gerlene Lifer  
 Beverly Smitherman (Ellen Mauldin's cousin)  
 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 Kevin McCauley, 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
Will Martin	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

Women's Ministry Coordinating Team - meets Tuesday, 3/5/2019, Noon, Johnson Room  
 Mission for March: Aretta Zitta - Young Life/Club Beyond Ministry

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

**Lesson: Week 5, The Messiah**

Sunday, 3/10 – Parlor, 8 am, Leader Lynda Forbus \*SPRING UP\* - Time changes  
 Monday, 3/11 – Parlor, 1:30 pm, Leader Sara Wilson  
 Tuesday, 3/12 - 6 pm – Location TBA, Leader: Vivian Cade  
 Monday, 3/18 – 7 pm, Location TBA Leader: Amy Weiskopf

**FPC Starkville (EPC) Men's Ministry**

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

**Ash Wednesday Communion Service This Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.**

*Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner (5:15-5:45 p.m.)*

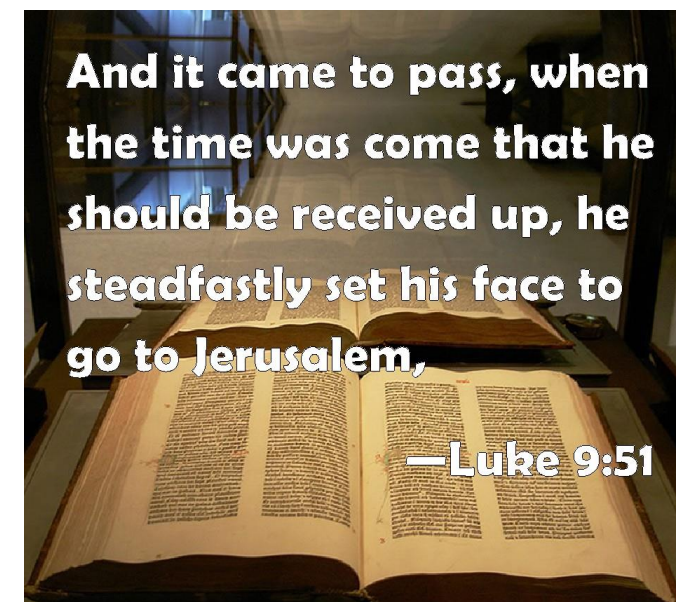
THIS Wednesday's Dinner: Fried Chicken Tenders, Baked Potatoes, Baked Beans, Rolls, Chocolate Cake. Adults may also choose a Chef Salad, ... or as always, children may have pizza – just let us know. *Please complete your reservation card and place it in the Offering today, or call or send an email to the Church Office 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. Departure Date for the Mission Team is to be Friday, October 11 (arriving in Edinburgh Saturday, October 12).** Group members will have the option of returning either the weekend of October 18 or the weekend of October 25 (when Jack Forbus and Pastor Lifer will be returning, following the UKP Conference and Tour).



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



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**Office Hours**

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