

Service for the Lord’s Day First Presbyterian Church, Starkville

Resurrection Sunday
The First Lord’s Day in Eastertide
April 21, 2019

PRELUDE (Jennifer Blackbourn, Organ) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Beethoven

WELCOME

INTROIT (Chancel Choir, Dr. Craig Aarhus directing)

CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST’S NAME

***Responsive Litany** *from* 1 Peter 1:3-4 and Classic Easter Response of the Church across the ages Ben Jackson

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

ALL: According to his great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead – to an inheritance that imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

Minister: Jesus Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen, indeed!

***INVOCATION**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is ris’n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

King of glory, Soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!

Thee to know, Thy pow’r to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

GOOD NEWS FROM MISSION PARTNER, REV. DR. GARTH GILMOUR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CMJ IN ISRAEL (Romans 1:16)

ANTHEM (Chancel Choir) *Because He Lives*

GOD’S WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Martin Lifer (8:30) Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed** (*Unison*) Reid Roberson

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.

*** HYMN 668 -- THE DOXOLOGY**

***BRINGING GOD’S TITHE, 2019 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES EXTRA GIVING, AND OUR FURTHER EASTER OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY (Jennifer Blackbourn, Piano) *Behold, the Lamb* arr. Kartsonakis

**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!

Please see the special ***Easter Lily Offering Bulletin Insert*** for the recognition of al those in whose honor and memory members and friends have given Easter Lilies for our worship to the glory of God and of the Risen Christ.

Join us Next Sunday (April 28) for One, Unified Service at 10 a.m.



For the Second Lord’s Day in this Easter Season (April 28), we will have a Unified Worship Service that will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and that **will feature the spring musical from the FPC Children’s Choirs [*Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace*]** and a **Good News Message from our CCO University Minister Ben Jackson**. *Because of the special schedule, there will be no Sunday School program for children next Sunday, but full Children’s Sunday School will resume on May 5.*

Deacon of the Month: Peggy Branch

Today’s Head Usher: George Vemer (8:30) Lee Weiskopf, Rebecca Bahzhaf (11:00)

Today’s Greeters: Jane Vemer (8:30); Ernie George, Janice Kinard (11:00)

VIP’s: Join us THIS Friday, April 26, at MSU Rose Garden

We will **meet at the MSU Rose Garden** at 1:30 pm and tour the area. Then we will go to MAEFES on campus for ice cream. Please call Amy Aarhus or the church office if you have questions.

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

SERMON SERIES *PRAY IN PENITENCE, PEACE, PRAISE, PASSION & POWER*

SCRIPTURE **Revelation 11:15-18; John 3:3**
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 1034,887)

EASTER SERMON *Thine ... Forever!* Martin Lifer

INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST

SONG OF FAITH (Grace Lifer, solo) *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/ The Wonderful Cross*

CALLED, BLESSED AND SENT AS WITNESSES IN GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, PETITION, AND INTERCESSION

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.

***RESPONSIVE HYMN** *The Day of Resurrection!* LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad: the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright – the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;

And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** (Chancel Choir) *Hallelujah Chorus* G. F. Handel

POSTLUDE (Jennifer Blackbourn, Organ) *Easter Fanfare* arr. Lau

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Visiting with Us?

We warmly welcome you to our worship of God this Lord’s Day.

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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 or send an email message to him (mwlifer3@gmail.com).

Children’s & Youth Ministry News: VBS will be Coming June 10-13; Registration Opens on FPC

Website in May! Our Vacation Bible School Program (VBS) this year will be June 10-13, Monday-Thursday, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Children ages 4 years old to 6th grade are welcome! Come join us as we learn about how life is wild, but God is good!



MVP Presbyterian Summer Camp Week for FPC’s Children and Youth July 22-27

Children and Youth from EPC and ARP congregations will be at the *Rising Son* Camp Facilities at French Camp, MS.

This is ***THE* summer camp FPC now sponsors and recommends to members**. With leadership that includes pastors from our Central South Presbytery, the MVP Camp clearly conveys God’s Word to our children AND is lots of fun!!! Parents & Families: If you have not yet registered, but are interested in your child attending, then please contact Pastor Lifer, Ashleigh Murdock, or the church office as soon as possible.

National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2019

Make plans to join us for a community-wide time of prayer

on the front steps of our Sanctuary on Thursday, May 2, 12:15-12:45 p.m.

We will pray for our families, city and nation. A light lunch will be served.

The Family of Myles Carpenter Invites You to Join Myles on May 4 for a Celebration of His Birthday

Saturday, May 4, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at Robinson Lake

Adults and teens 15-years-old and older are welcome.

Casual Dress – Farmer jeans and plaids are a favorite. Bring lawn chairs and fishing poles. No gifts, please, ... but cards are always fun.

In case of rain, come to FPC instead. No **RSVP** needed.



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1 st Week of Eastertide: Week of April 21, 2019		
SUNDAY:	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service & Breakfast (Robinson Lake)
	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)
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY:	5:50 p.m.	Children's Choir rehearsal in Sanctuary
THURSDAY:	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
Friday:	1:30 pm	VIP Fellowship
SATURDAY:	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Christian Education Bldg.)

CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK
April 23 – Rex Buffington April 25 – Richard and Jennifer Blackburn

Sympathies and Prayers: Please join us as we continue to extend sympathies to – and prayers for God’s peace – to **Beth Ann and Mike Dunlap and family** following the death Wednesday, April 17, of Beth Ann’s sister, **Cheryl Kay Linder**. Even as we grieve, we rejoice with Beth Ann and family in the good news of the resurrection and the call of the Church Triumphant.

Prayer List

Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
Philip and Darinda Gruchy
Charlie Guest
Bruce Leopold; Danielle Gregory (friend of Bruce Leopold)
Paula Elliott
Sylvia Love
Charles Atkinson
Allison Jackson
Marjorie Malone
Ross Collins
Billy and Brenda Harrington
Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
Joe Fleming & Agnes Green Fleming, and Bobby Fleming (brothers and sister-in-law of Gloria Cade)
Paula and Carl Ivey; 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)
Bob and Dot Forbus, and Raleigh Wood (brother, sister-in-law, and friend of Jack Forbus)
Thomas Guest (grandson of Charlie & Rubye Guest).
Gerlene Lifer
Beverly Smitherman, Frances Ellis and Brett Horton (Ellen Mauldin's cousin, Ellen's sister, and her brother Leslie's grandson)
David Skinner (Kyle Skinner's father)
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)
David Henderson, Cheryl Kay Linder (Beth Ann Dunlap's stepbrother & sister)
Frances Knoll Waltman and Cissy Knoll Thomas (Libby Gill's sister and mother)
Dylan Walker (Jean Alice McDavid's great-nephew)

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
Mary Jo Wallace – The Blake at Flowood



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Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in Me, even though he dies, will live; and
whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.” [John 11:25-26]

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