

Visiting with Us?



Please complete a **FIRSTConnect** Card
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or in a **FIRSTConnect** Box in the entranceways.

To learn more about faith in Christ, church membership and/or ways you can learn and serve at FPC – please speak to Pastor Lifer or Assistant Pastor Nasvytis, call the church office, or send an email to Pastor Lifer via mwllifer3@gmail.com.

Please join us again on upcoming Sundays not only for worship but also for Sunday Bible Study (see the information below) and for our Fellowship Gathering (10:30-10:50 a.m. downstairs in the Fellowship Hall).

Sunday Children’s & Youth Ministry and Childcare Information:

We provide the **TLC Ministry for children Age 3 through 1st Graders** during the **11 a.m. Service** – which the children attend following the Children’s Message at the 11 a.m. Service.

We also provide loving and safe Christian Childcare on the Main Floor of the Christian Education Building - northeast of the Sanctuary - for infants and toddlers of FPC families & guests - from 8:15 a.m. through 12:15 p.m.

Sunday School for Children & Youth (9:45 - 10:30 a.m.)



We have a number of Sunday School groups for youth and children (Age 3 and older), but **all children and teenagers begin on Sundays on the 3rd Floor of the CE Building, 9:45-9:55 a.m., with a Worship Gathering that includes Joyful Christian Music, Prayer, and Catechism Teaching of Basic Biblical Faith** [see above-left photo].

ADULTS: ENJOY A RICHER LORD’S DAY AT FPC!

Adult Sunday Bible Study & Fellowship Groups
(9:45-10:30 a.m. every Sunday this semester)

Crusaders’ Class Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Led by Jack Forbus, Ernie George & Charlie Guest

Faith for Life Bible Study & Fellowship Group
Led by Pastor Lifer, Rev. Bruce Latimer, and Dr. Bob Daniels
(The Chapel, behind the Worship Chancel)

Joy Class - Led by Phil Gruchy (The Parlor – below the Sanctuary)
(lower floor of Sanctuary Building, south of Fellowship Hall)

New Covenant Class - Led by Jim Beaty
Main Room behind Worship Hall Balcony (3rd Floor)

Women in the Word - Led by Nancy Lifer
Room S-6 on the Main Sanctuary Bldg. Floor (around the corner from the Chapel)

College Group Bible Study (Johnson Room, Church Office Bldg.) Led by Ben & Alison Jackson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Williamson
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME & MINISTRY INVITATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

***RESPONSIVE READING OF GOD’S WORD** from Psalm 93:1a,4

Ben Jackson

Minister: The LORD reigns!

ALL: He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, and He has put on strength as his belt.

Minister: Mightier than the thunders of many waters,

ALL: Mightier than the waves of the sea: the LORD on high is mighty!

***INVOCATION**

***HYMN 47**

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

CONFESSIONS OF FAITH & REPENTANCE; PRAYERS & OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE

*** AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** - from **The Westminster Confession of Faith (Unison)**

Reid Roberson

In the beginning, it pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to create the world out of nothing in order to reveal the glory of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI**

***ANTHEM** (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

10,000 Reasons

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

***GIVING - GOD’S TITHE AND FURTHER OFFERINGS**

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

Martin Lifer

OFFERTORY

Lord, Be Glorified

arr. Hayes
Jennifer Blackburn

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:45-51
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 842)

SERMON

Lord of the Storm

Joe Nasvytis

RESPONDING IN FAITH TO GOD’S WORD; THE CALL TO SERVE

INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST AND WITNESS TO THE WORLD

***RESPONSIVE HYMN 419**

Jesus Calls us O’er the Tumult

GALILEE

***BENEDICTION**

Joe Nasvytis

***CHORAL RESPONSE** (11:00)

Go Ye Now in Peace

POSTLUDE

Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

If you would like to **provide flowers for our Sanctuary** for Lord’s Day worship, **please call Kathy in the church office** for details and/or to reserve a date. **You may provide one or two arrangements or contribute smaller amounts to a flower fund.** If you would like to **sign up online**, access - <https://tinyurl.com/rdakltm>

Having trouble hearing the service? We have portable hearing assistance 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.*

January Deacon of the Month: Kristen Skinner

Today’s Ushers: (8:30) – Bill Gamel; (11:00) – Jim Long, Wallace Cade

Today’s Greeters: (8:30) – Susan Gamel; (11:00) – Gloria Cade

SERMON NOTES

After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” Jesus, knowing that **they intended to come and make him king by force**, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. (Jn. 6:14–15)

1. Jesus modeled _____ for us whenever he faced a big decision.

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles. (Lk. 6:12-13)

2. Since Jesus is infinitely holy, we need to _____ Him.

Again in verses 49-50, Mark says, When they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for **they all saw him and were terrified**. Immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take courage! **It is I**. Don’t be afraid.”

And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And **Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.** (Ex. 3:3-6)

God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM.**" And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, '**I AM has sent me to you.**'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' **This is my name forever**, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. (Ex. 3:14-15)

I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "**Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!**" (Is. 6:1-5)

3. Since Jesus is with us in His power, we can _____ in His compassionate deliverances.

About the fourth watch of the night he came to them, **walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them**, but when **they saw him walking on the sea** they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, or they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And **he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased**. And they were utterly astounded (Mk. 6:48-51)

[God] alone stretched out the heavens and **trampled the waves of the sea; Behold, he passes by me**, and I see him not; he moves on, but I do not perceive him.(Job 9:8, 11)

The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin (Ex. 34:6-7)

Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? (Mk. 4:41)

4. Since Jesus is with us as our _____ , we need to cling to Him in the storms we face.

a. Jesus is the One Who _____ us into the storm.

This is clear when we read Mark 6:45 which says, *Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side*, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. (Mk. 6:45)

b. Jesus sends us into storms so we can more clearly _____ Who He is.

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But **when he saw the wind, he was afraid**, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." (Matt. 14:28-30)

Let us **fix our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb. 12:2)

c. Jesus also sends us into storms to show us the _____ of our _____.

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. Then **they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed**. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! (Ps. 107:23-31)

Week of February 2, 2020		
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:	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Bible Study & Prayer Fellowship (Parlor)
WEDNESDAY:	5:15p.m.	Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	5:50p.m.	Nursery, Children's and Youth programs
	6:00p.m.	Women's Bible Study and Co-ed (Men & Women) Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
THURSDAY:	1-2:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
FRIDAY	6:30 p.m.	FPC Officers' Retreat
SATURDAY	8:00 a.m.	FPC Officers' Retreat

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

For Wednesday, Feb. 5, *Friends & Family Dinner* (5:15-5:45 p.m.)

THIS Wednesday's Dinner: Chicken & Dumplings, field peas, fried okra, rolls, and 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. All reservations for Feb. 5 must be received by tomorrow, Feb. 3, at NOON!***

Prayer List

Brenda Harrington
Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
Boswell Kennard
Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
Jimmie Brown
Sylvia Love
Jimmy Dodd
John Clark Packer
Bruce and Betty Latimer
Roxene Atkinson
Wells Beaty
Greta Bryan
Marjorie Malone
Scott Guest and Thomas Guest (son & grandson of Charlie & Rubye Guest)
Bruce Leopold, Danielle Gregory (friend of Bruce Leopold)
Sherry Siler (Bryn Taylor's sister)
Ross Collins, Madison Collins (son of Ross and Margaret Collins)
Cindy Stewart (friend of George and Jane Vemer)
Aspen Reynolds (Anita Reynold's granddaughter)
Teresa Miller (Amy Harrison's mom)
Carl Ivey, Sr. (Kentucky), Michael Belcher, and Ashley Whitten (friends of the Iveys)
Bob and Dot Forbus, and Staci Moak (brother, sister-in-law, and daughter of Jack Forbus)
Gerlene Lifer
Leslie Drane, Frances Ellis (Ellen Mauldin's brother and sister)
Bobby Fleming (brother of Gloria Cade), and Hazel Davis (Wallace Cade's aunt)
Diane Daniels, Delores Irvin (Diane's sister), and Bill and Tan Chapman
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)

Additional Prayer List for Health Care / Assisted Living

Bessie Montgomery –Montgomery Gardens
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
Carolyn Wofford –Heritage at Irene Wood, Memphis, Tennessee

Throughout the week, hear God's Word proclaimed:

Go to the FPC Website, click to the Sermons Page, and
Listen to Podcasts of FPC Sermons,...

OR, better,

**Subscribe Directly to the FPC Sermon Podcast
and access sermons regularly *on your phone, pad, or other computer.***

- (1) Review key messages that you've already heard, and
- (2) listen for the first time to sermons that you missed hearing.

**Also, Open (or add – if you don't already have) the Instagram APP
on your phone or other computer, and follow & like FPC's account.**

FPC Starkville (EPC) Women's Ministry

Janice Kinard, Moderator

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*

Youth Ministry Trip to *Winter Jam* Christian Concert in Two Weeks!



**Youth (6th grade and up): JOIN us in our trip to *Winter Jam* Christian
Concert in Birmingham, AL, on Sunday, February 16 and then our
overnight stay. We'll return to Starkville on the Presidents' Day
School Holiday - Monday, February 17.**

For more information, please contact

Kirk Kinard at kirkkinard@gmail.com or Reid Roberson at reidrob97@gmail.com

For more details about the concerts, see this link <http://2020.jamtour.com/>

FPC Officers

Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Will Martin, Clerk of Session
Elders Emeriti: James (Jim) Long and Dero Ramsey

Elders Serving on Our Session

Class of 2020

Carl Ivey
Jim Beaty
Peggy Johnson
Jeff Foster

Class of 2021

Wallace Cade
Jack Forbus
Will Martin
Cal Rackley

Class of 2022

Harry Bell
Scotty Crawford
Wesley Ferguson
Susan Gamel
Brien Henry

Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate

Class of 2020

Johnny Fair
Tabor Mullen
Jeremy
Murdock
Kristen Skinner

Class of 2021

Glenda Clark
Jack Cook
Peyton Fandel
Robby Holditch

Class of 2022

Jack Atkins
Rebecca Banzhaf
Janet Bardwell
Lee Weiskopf

Volunteer to Help in the Church Office:

We need Office Volunteers to help for a couple of hours a week on Mondays (9:15-11:15am) to count money and to help with various projects, and we need volunteers to help on Fridays (2:00-4:00pm), distributing bulletins, and helping with various other projects. If you would like to volunteer, you can sign up online at: <https://tinyurl.com/u3bx6l7>
...or call or email Kathy in the church office at 662-323-1994 or info@fpcstarkville.org.



Starkville's Church

That Preaches the *Doctrines of Grace*

and

That is Part of the EPC –

A Global Movement of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches



We thank God for the opportunity we had to host the South Central Presbytery (EPC) on Jan. 24 & 25. A special thanks to our Fellowship Ministry Team, our Welcome & Registration Volunteers, and FPC's Worship & Music Team for the gracious hospitality you extended to ministry leaders.

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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

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