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Please complete a ***FIRST*Connect Card**
and place it in the Offering ...

or in a *FIRST*Connect Box in the entrancesways.

To learn more about faith in Christ, church membership and/or ways you can learn and serve at FPC – speak to Pastor Lifer or send an email via mwlfir3@gmail.com.

Please join us again on upcoming Sundays *not only* for worship *but also* for Sunday Bible Study (*see the information on the other side of this bulletin*).

We provide the **TLC Ministry for children Age 3 through 1st Graders during the 11 a.m. Service** – 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.

Youth Ministry Trip to *Winter Jam* Christian Concert NEXT Sunday Afternoon & Evening; Return on Presidents’ Day!



Youth (6th grade and up): JOIN us in our trip to *Winter Jam* Christian Concert in Birmingham, AL – leaving **next Sunday, following 11:00 a.m. Worship.**

For more information, please contact
Kirk Kinard at kirkkinard@gmail.com or Reid Roberson at reidrob97@gmail.com

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE
FEBRUARY 9, 2020

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

PRELUDE *Praise and Glory* arr. Schram
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME & MINISTRY INVITATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

***RESPONSIVE READING OF GOD’S WORD** *from* Revelation 7:9-10 Ben Jackson

Minister: After this, I looked, and behold:

ALL: A great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all the tribes and people groups and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Minister: And they were crying out with a loud voice:

ALL: “Salvation belongs to our God Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

***INVOCATION**

***HYMN 354** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* UNSER HERRSCHER

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Having trouble hearing the service? We have portable hearing assistance units connected directly to our sound system for optimum audio. *Please see an usher about using a unit today.*

February 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, Debbie Cooper

Lost and Found: We have several items that have recently been turned in to the lost and found including jewelry. Please contact Kathy in the church office to identify: 662-323-1994.

CONFESSIONS OF FAITH & REPENTANCE; PRAYERS & OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE

*** AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** - *from* The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 35 (EPC, Modern English)

ALL: Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the gospel, and since – in the divinely established and ordinary method of grace – faith comes by hearing the word of God, Christ has commissioned his church to go into the world and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by our prayers, gifts, and personal efforts for the extension of the kingdom of Christ throughout the whole world.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 440** (v. 1) *Here I Am, Lord*

***ANTHEM** (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *Speak, O Lord*

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**

OFFERTORY *Awesome God* arr. Wolaver
Jennifer Blackburn

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Mark 7:18-19, 24-26; John 10:14-16; [Acts 10:9-16]
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 843, 896, 918-19)

SERMON *Israel’s Shepherd Has Other Sheep?* Martin Lifer
Divine “Detours” Demolish Divisions (Part 1)

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 356** *We’ve a Story to Tell* MESSAGE

***BENEDICTION** Martin Lifer

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

POSTLUDE Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

SERMON NOTES

1. *GO WITH* Jesus, THE KING! “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

“Go, and make disciples.... And I will be with you all always....”

What are **Jesus’ Providential Purposes** in ***Where*** and **to Whom** He Takes Us?

2. The Bible teaches us that Jesus leads us on _____ “ _____,” even to disquieting places and people.

What is Jesus teaching ***us/you*** with Divine Detours?

What are **Jesus’ Providential Purposes** in ***Where*** and **to Whom** He Takes Us?

Ask the ***WHY(?)*** question together with the ***WHERE(?)*** and the ***TO WHOM(?)*** questions.

3. During his brief (3-year) public ministry, the Jewish Messiah led his Jewish disciples on a surprisingly significant number of divine detours.

John 4:4 - **JESUS “*had to pass through*” ***Samaria*** [which most Jews considered *Enemy Territory*]
==> Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well.**

GOD DREW a “MIXED CROWD” to Jesus during Jesus’ Galilean Ministry (Year 2 of Public Ministry):

Mark 3:7 – Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed – from Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem & ***Idumea***, and ***from _____ the Jordan***, and ***from around _____ & Sidon***.

Mark 5:1 – They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. => demoniac

Mark 7:24 - From there He arose and **went away** to the **region of _____ and _____**.

Mark 7:31 – Then He (a) returned from the **region of Tyre** and (b) ***went through Sidon*** .

(c) ***to the*** Sea of Galilee **in the region of the _____**.



The **JEWISH MESSIAH “DETOURED” to GENTILE/PAGAN REGIONS!!!**

a/k/a “Enemy Territory” - Cultures Hostile to Jews

Josephus: *The inhabitants of this city [Tyre], ... were great enemies to the Jews.*

In these Detours, **what was Jesus teaching** his disciples about **His Kingdom & Mission?**

About *fishing*? About *shepherding*?

4. Divine “Detours” Demolish Divisions!

God’s Word says God can & does declare anyone whom He chooses to be _____.

Mark 7:18-19; Acts 10:9-16

- *From **judgment on the nations/gentiles** ... to **Light to the nations/gentiles*** [Isaiah/ God’s Word].

- *From **“Go nowhere among the Gentiles” to “make disciples of all nations/Gentiles.”*** [Mt.10: 5, 28:19].

*From **“Was I sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel[?]” to “And I have other sheep that are not of this fold, and I must bring them also,... so there will be one flock and one shepherd.”***
[Mt. 15:24 & John 10:16].

5. Divine “Detours” move disciples *from* *Insiders’ Disquiet*** to Rejoice in ***Outsiders’ Delight***.** What are **Jesus’ Providential Purposes** in ***Where*** and **to Whom** He Takes Us?

What is Jesus teaching *ME* when He leads me on Divine Detours?

Discern the WHAT & *WHY* in the *WHERE* and the *TO WHOM*.

Join in the Joy Lord and the Delight of Outsiders He Saves in His Detours!

Week of February 9, 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)

FPC Starkville (EPC) Women’s Ministry, Janice Kinard, Moderator
Circles, Bible Study, Leaders and Mission:
2/09, Sunday morning @ 8 am, Location: FPC Parlor, Leader: Brenda Koenig
2/10, Monday afternoon @ 1:30 pm: Location: FPC Parlor, Leader, Sara Wilson
2/11, Tuesday evening @ 6 pm, Location: home of Nancy Lifer, 107 Little John Lane, Leader: Vivian Cade.
2/17, Monday evening @ 7 pm, Location: home of Amy Weiskopf, 1305 Nottingham Rd., Leader: Amy Weiskopf

Mission: FPC Youth Ministry, led by Faith Lifer, Kirk Kinard, and Reid Roberson
Lesson: 4, “Scared.” Scripture Matthew 6:25-34, DVD = 8 minutes and 52 seconds

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION for Wednesday, Feb. 12, Friends & Family Dinner
Wednesday’s Dinner (5:15-5:45 p.m.): Beef tips, rice & gravy, lima beans, rolls, and cream cheese cake. Adults may also choose a Chef Salad . . . or, as always, children may have pizza; just let us know. *Please place your completed reservation it in the Offering, or call or send an email to the Church Office. All reservations for Feb. 12 must be received by tomorrow, Feb. 11, at NOON!*

Prayer List
Selma Gilmore (Dana Fant’s mother)
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
Brenda Harrington
Bruce and Betty Latimer
Roxene Atkinson
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

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



We have a number of Sunday School groups for 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].*

ADULT Sunday Bible Study & Fellowship Groups (9:45-10:30 a.m.):

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 Sanctuary 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 Offices.) Led by Ben & Alison Jackson

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.

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 Officers		
Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Will Martin, Clerk of Session Elders Emeriti: James (Jim) Long and Dero Ramsey		
<u>Elders Serving on Our Session</u>		
<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Carl Ivey	Wallace Cade	Harry Bell
Jim Beaty	Jack Forbus	Scotty Crawford
Peggy Johnson	Will Martin	Wesley Ferguson
Jeff Foster	Cal Rackley	Susan Gamel
		Brien Henry
<u>Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate</u>		
<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Johnny Fair	Glenda Clark	Jack Atkins
Tabor Mullen	Jack Cook	Rebecca Banzhaf
Jeremy Murdock	Peyton Fandel	Janet Bardwell
Kristen Skinner	Robby Holditch	Lee Weiskopf



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