

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY

PRELUDE The Heavens Are Telling Beethoven/arr. Leatherman Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME & MINISTRY INVITATIONS RECOGNITION OF SCOUTING AND TRAIL LIFE PROGRAMS; SPECIAL THANKSGIVING FOR TROOP 14

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

*RESPONSIVE READING OF GOD’S WORD from 1 Corinthians 5:7-8, 11:23b-24, 15:50-52 Reid Roberson Minister: Cleanse out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

ALL: Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival: not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Minister: The Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and, when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said:

ALL: “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

Minister: I tell you this, brothers: Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery:

ALL: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed – in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed!

*INVOCATION

*HYMN 289 Days of Elijah DAYS OF ELIJAH

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

ANTHEM (11:00 – Chancel Choir) Creation Will Be at Peace Page

CONFESSIONS OF FAITH & REPENTANCE; PRAYERS & OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH - from The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 97

Pastor: What is the right way to receive the Lord’s Supper?

ALL: The right way to receive the Lord’s Supper is to examine 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 eat and drink judgment on ourselves.

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & PETITION Martin Lifer

*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 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart arr. Ham Jennifer Blackburn

*The congregation is invited to stand.

Visiting with Us?



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 Christ, church membership and/or ways you can serve at FPC – speak to Pastor Lifer or send an email via mwllifer3@gmail.com.

Please join us again on upcoming Sundays not only for worship but also for Sunday Bible Study (groups meet from 9:45 through 10:30 a.m.).

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.

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:1-21 (ESV Pew Bible pp. 843-844)

SERMON “Do You Not Remember?” Martin Lifer

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 407 Break Thou the Bread of Life BREAD OF LIFE

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

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

*BENEDICTION Martin Lifer

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) Amen TRADITIONAL

POSTLUDE Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him arr. McDonald Jennifer Blackburn

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

Today’s Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Tabor, Jackie, and Carson Mullen in honor of Jetson, Bryn, Crosby, Jet and Emery Taylor, upon their joining our church.

Today is our Scout and Trail Life Sunday at FPC. We welcome all boys, girls, and adults who are members of BSA, GSA, or Trail Life.

In addition, we extend a special welcome to representatives (members and leaders) here today from historic Troop 14. For many decades, FPC has graciously provided Boy Scout Troop 14 with its home on the FPC Campus. Our special guests from Troop 14 today include Van Colotta, Committee Chairman, and Toby Steed, Scoutmaster.

SERMON NOTES

1. “Do You Not Remember?” Memory Problems “Do this in remembrance of Me.”

2. Christ’s Communion + Compassion + Creative Power = Complete Satisfaction.

“I have _____ on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days...”

“Σπλαγχνίζομαι” (Mark 8:2a)

Mark 1:41 [NASB] - Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.”

Mark 6:34 - When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

Mark 6:31-44 - Feeding of the “Five Thousand” has different sequence –

(1) Christ’s Compassion => (2) Communion/Extensive Teaching =>

+When the disciples’ pray to Jesus to send the crowd away => Jesus rejects their prayer and moves in an entirely different direction

(3) Creative Power = Satisfaction

Mark 8:1-9 - Feeding of the “Four Thousand” – Communion + Compassion + Creative Power = Complete Satisfaction.

(1) “they have been _____ now three days and have nothing to eat.” (Mark 8:2b)

+ (2) “I have _____ on the crowd, because...” “How many loaves do you have?”

+ (3) He broke then [the 7 loaves], and gave them to the disciples to set before the people.

= And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over: 7 large baskets full.

3. DIVINE DETOURS – on the way to taking his disciples to the “Continental Divide.”

Location in Mark: Approaching the “Continental Divide”/Confession & Cross Divide (8:27-38)

“Meandering” Location The Decapolis (?), near the Sea of Galilee/Tiberias

In these Detours, what was Jesus teaching his disciples about His Kingdom, Mission AND Himself?

4. Jesus’ Response to Blind Pharisees’ Demand for a Sign, and Teaching His Disciples:

“Amen, I say to you: no sign will be given to this generation.”

Jeremiah 5:21

Ezekiel 12:1-6

Ezekiel 12:2 - “Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see, but see not, who have ears to hear, but hear not, for they are a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 12:6 - “ In their sight you shall lift the baggage upon your shoulder and carry it out at dusk. You shall cover your face that you may not see the land, for I have made you a sign for the house of Israel.”

“Beware the _____ of the Pharisees and the _____ of Herod.”

5. “Do You Not Remember?” The Seven Questions +1 Summary Question (Mark 8:17-21)

(1) “Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread?”

(2) “Do you not yet perceive or understand?”

(3) “Are your hearts hardened?”

(4) “Having eyes, do you not see, and having ears, do you not hear?”

(5) “And do you not remember?”

(6) “When I broke the five loaves for the 5,000, how many little baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?”

(7) “And the seven for 4,000, how many large baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?”

+1 Summary Question [see 2] “Do you not yet understand?”

Gospel Hope: “not _____”

REMEMBER JESUS: His Communion + Compassion + Creative Power = Complete Satisfaction

Week of February 23, 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: 5:00 p.m. Nursery
 5:15 p.m. Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Communion Service**
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY: 1-2:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY- SATURDAY:
 Confirmation Youth Retreat (French Camp – Camp Facilities)

Youth and Parents – Meet this Friday Afternoon as Confirmation Youth Depart for Our Confirmation Retreat at French Camp (Camp Facilities) Friday evening - Saturday

TEJERAS MEAL SPONSORS (Mission meal for children in Tejeras, Honduras)
 February 26 & March 4 – By members of the congregation for the Glory of God.

Prayer List

Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
 Peggy and Levette Johnson
 Selma Gilmore (Dana Fant's mother)
 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



**Join us for our
 Ash Wednesday Service,
 Concluding with Communion –
 This Wednesday, February 26,
 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary,**

following our Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION for Wednesday, Feb. 26, Friends & Family Dinner
 Wednesday's Dinner (5:15-5:45 p.m.): Fried Chicken tenders, baked potato, broccoli & cheese sauce, rolls, and banana pudding. Adults may also choose a Chef Salad . . . or, as always, children may have pizza; just let us know. **Place your completed reservation in the Offering, or call or send an email to the Church Office. All reservations for Feb. 24 must be received by tomorrow at NOON!**



FPC Officers

Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Will Martin, Clerk of Session & Corporate Secretary
 Jeff Foster, Corporation President/ Jim Beaty, Treasurer
 Elders Emeriti: James (Jim) Long and Dero Ramsey

Elders Serving on Our Session and Board of Directors

<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

Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate

<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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Office Hours

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