

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)
PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 9, 2019

PRELUDE Voluntary on “Come Down, O Love Divine” arr. Barr
Jennifer Blackburn, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Martin Lifer

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)
Call to Order; Reading of Minutes or Vote to Dispense with Reading
Nominations for and Election of At-Large Members of Congregational Nominating Committee
Report from Session's Assistant Pastor Nominating Committee
Adjournment

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

CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST’S NAME
***Responsive Litany** from John 14:26-27 Ben Jackson

Minister: [Jesus said to his apostles]: “[T]he Helper, the Holy Spirit, Whom my Father will send in my Name,
ALL: “He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things I have said to you.”
Minister: “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled; neither let them be afraid.”

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**
INVITATION FOR YOUNG CHILDREN TO GATHER

***HYMN 328** Sweet, Sweet Spirit MANNA

PRAYER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN: COMMISSIONING PRAYER FOR VBS LEADERS & CHILDREN

ANTHEM (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

PRAYERS OF PRAISE, PENITENCE & 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.

THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S GRACE

* **HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING: GOD’S TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY Spirit of the Living God arr. Wilhelmi
Jennifer Blackburn. piano

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Deacon of the Month: Peyton Fandel
Today’s Ushers: (8:30) – Gary Bardwell(11:00) – Will Rackley, Larry Anthony
Today’s Greeters: (8:30) – Janet Bardwell (11:00) – Caitlin Rackley, Wanda Anthony

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 (mwlifer3@gmail.com).

Join the Choir in June!

The month of June is a great time to sing in the choir for several reasons...

- 1) We'll be singing some hymns this month. Chances are, you know the music already!
- 2) You can still sit with your families after we sing in the service.
- 3) No choir robes this month. Come as you are!
- 4) No Wednesday rehearsals this month either.
- 5) No long term commitment. Just join us for the Sundays in June.

If you're interested, we'd love to see you Sunday morning at 10:30 in the choir room on the 3rd floor for a quick run through of the music before the service. Questions? Email Craig Aarhus at craig.aarhus@gmail.com

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 7:10; John 14:12
Romans 5:1-5; 1 John 4:4-6
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 556; 901; 942; 1023)

SERMON GREATER
for You and in You

INVITATION TO TRUST AND FOLLOW JESUS
CALLED, BLESSED AND SENT AS WITNESSES OF GOD’S WORD

***HYMN 115** God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION** Martin Lifer

***POSTLUDE** I Sing the Mighty Power of God arr. Wagner
Jennifer Blackburn, organ

**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!

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by members of our FPC congregation to the Glory of God and to enhance our worship of God on this Pentecost Sunday.

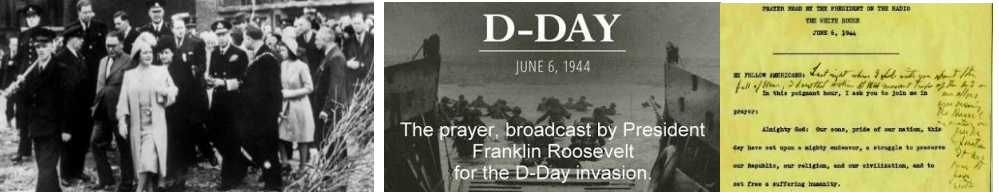
Please join us in extending sympathies to, and prayers for God's comfort to – **Allison and Ben Jackson, Allison’s “maternal” [side] grandmother, Judy Stanislaw**, and family – following the **death** this past Tuesday night (June 4) on **Allison’s “maternal “ [side] grandfather, Pete Stanislaw**. Pete died in Judy’s and his home in The Villages, Florida, but the Memorial Service will be this Saturday in their longstanding hometown of Bennington, Vermont. Ben and Allison will be traveling to and meeting with the extended family this week for the service.

Called Congregational Meeting Today, at 11:00 a.m.

Immediately following the Announcements before the 11 a.m. Worship Service today, June 9, in the Sanctuary, there will be a Called Congregational Meeting for the Primary Purpose of the Congregational Election of Two (2) At-Large Representatives to the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee. The slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee includes the following candidates: **Richard Blackburn; Pat Bryan; Mike Dunlap; Rubye Guest; and Jane Vemer**. There will also be a report from the Assistant Pastor Nominating [“Search”] Committee – on **Rev. Joe Nasvytis**, who has been called as our new Assistant Pastor for Family Ministries.

TODAY’S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

Remembering D Day and Leaders’ Prayers from a Different Era: On Tuesday evening, June 6, 1944 – King George VI broadcast to the peoples of the British Empire: “*That we may be worthily matched with this new summons of destiny, I desire solemnly to call my people to prayer and dedication. We are not unmindful of our own shortcomings, past and present. We shall ask not that God may do our will, but that we may be enabled to do the will of God; and we dare to believe that God has used our Nation and Empire as an instrument for fulfilling His high purpose.*”



Some Challenging Words from God’s Word – at least for some of us:

Do *not* say, “Why were the former days better than these?” For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.
- Ecclesiastes 7:10 - Don’t long for “*the good old days.*” This is not wise. [NLT]

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.” John 14:12

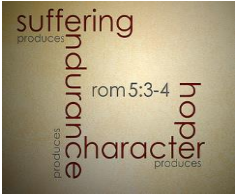
Jesus’ Ascension to the Right Hand of God the Father

GREATER - for You and in You.

John 14:12-14

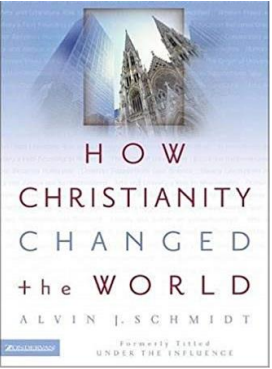
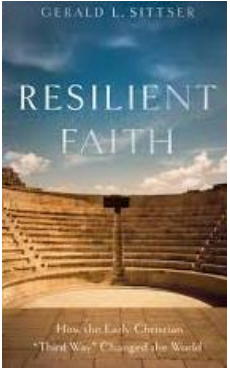


Romans 5:1-5



Romans 5:5 (ESV)
⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

1 John 4:4-6 He Who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.



Looking ahead to NEXT month...
BEGINNING July 7 and Continuing July 14, 21 & 28



We will have a single, unified Lord’s Day Worship Service beginning at 10:00 a.m. each of the four Sundays of July (7, 14, 21 and 28). In addition, our Children’s and Youth Sunday School will NOT meet during July – to provide a “sabbatical” to our small number of volunteers for Children’s and Youth Sunday School; however, we will provide childcare during the 10:00 am services in July.

Week of June 9, 2019		
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:	8:30 a.m.	M-Th Children’s VBS at FPC
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (Ed. Bldg)
	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
TUESDAY:	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Christian Education Bldg.)
THURSDAY:	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
SATURDAY:	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Christian Education Bldg.)
CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK		
June 11 – Rebecca Banzhaf		June 13 – Ross Collins

- Prayer List**
- Marjorie Malone
Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
Philip and Darinda Gruchy
Sean and Morgan Clark Schnurr & Family
Charlie Guest
Bruce Leopold; Danielle Gregory (friend of Bruce Leopold)
Paula Elliott
Sylvia Love
Charles Atkinson
Allison Jackson
Ross Collins
Billy and Brenda Harrington
Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
Emily Chancellor (Natalie Morgan’s Niece)
Carl Ivey, Sr. (Dukedom, Kentucky); Michael Belcher (Friend of the Iveys)
Betty Randle Freeman (Russell Randle’s sister)
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
Leslie Drane, Frances Ellis (Ellen Mauldin’s brother and sister)
Bobby Fleming (brother of Gloria Cade)
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

Thanksgiving for God’s Call of Rev. Joe Nasvytis and Family to FPC!
We thank God for his call of Rev. Nasvytis to FPC, and pray for Joe and his wife Ann, as well as their daughters – Grace (10) and Sophie (9) – as they prepare for their move to Starkville in the second half of June. *In addition to the family’s move from San Diego to Starkville later in June, Joe will also be looking ahead to preparing for a transition to the EPC from the Christian Reformed Church (“CRC”). In 2015, Joe was ordained in the CRC denomination. At FPC, Joe will help lead our Family Ministries & Discipleship, as well as assisting Pastor Lifer in a full range of pastoral ministries, worship leadership, and teaching.*

FPC Officers		
Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Will Martin, Clerk of Session		
Elders Emeriti: James (Jim) Long and Dero Ramsey		
Elders Serving on Our Session		
<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Dolph Bryan	Carl Ivey	Wallace Cade
Harold Clark	Jim Beaty	Jack Forbus
Cecelia Cook	Peggy Johnson	Will Martin
Bob Daniels	Jeff Foster	Cal Rackley
Orly Hardin		
Edward Kemp		
Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate		
<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Peggy Branch	Tabor Mullen	Glenda Clark
Vivian Cade	Kristen Skinner	Jack Cook
Joel Downey	Johnny Fair	Peyton Fandel
Jason Ryder	Jeremy Murdock	Robby Holditch

FPC Starkville (EPC) Women’s Ministry
Janice Kinard, Moderator

Mission for the month – Christian Women’s Job Corps
Women’s Ministry Ice Cream Social and Fellowship will be Saturday, June 15th @ 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our women’s mission will be Christian Women’s Job Corps Program. For more information please contact Janice Kinard (418 5688 or janicekinard11@gmail.com)

HELP US PREPARE THIS MONTH FOR A DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER FOR THE MASSINGILL FAMILY!
Allen and Alex Massingill are expecting the birth of their second child this summer, and our Women’s Ministry and Church Family are now planning for a Diapers & Wipes Shower to be during our Fellowship Gathering Time on June 30. This month, please bring gifts of diapers and diaper wipes to the bin in the Fellowship Hall on any Sunday morning OR bring your gift to the Church Office during Office Hours M-F.

FPC Starkville (EPC) Men’s Ministry
Will Rackley, *President*, Charlie Weatherly, *Treasurer*

THIS AFTERNOON: Summer *Freedom Heritage* Fellowship



Either at Robinson Lake (Weather Permitting!)
OR (if Needed) on FPC’s Sanctuary Hill and in Fellowship Hall
4 p.m. Color Run for Children and Other Activities to Kick Off VBS Week
4-5 p.m. Adult Fellowship in the Pavilion
4:45 p.m. Flag Retirement Ceremony - conducted by Perry Sellers at 4:45 pm. *If you have any flags you would like to retire, please bring them with you.*
5-6 p.m. Cookout Fellowship Dinner

Directions to Robinson Lake: Go north on Old West Point Rd. from Hwy 182 for 2.8 miles. Turn right at the small sign for Daffodil Lane (a gravel drive), immediately past the Valley Hills sign.

AND Children’s & Youth Ministry News:

MVP Presbyterian Summer Camp for FPC’s Children & 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.



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

For by grace you have been saved through faith – and this is not your own doing. It is a gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one may boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9



FPC’s 2018 VBS Volunteers and Children

PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 9, 2019
Worship Service | 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School | 9:45 – 10:20 a.m.
Morning Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall) | 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.
FPC Summer Freedom Fellowship Event & Dinner | 4:00 p.m.

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

For the Safety and Security of our Members and Guests, FPC’s main premises are monitored by 24-hour video surveillance.