

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)

TRINITY SUNDAY AND FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 16, 2019

PRELUDE *Theme from "Second Piano Concerto", arr. Small* Reid Roberson (8:30)
Praise the King!, arr. R.E. Schram Marquita Beaty (11:00)

WELCOME Martin Lifer

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

CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST'S NAME

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***HYMN 68** *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

THE SEAL OF GOD'S WORD IN THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)
Huxley Clark Schnur, son of Sean and Morgan Clark Schnur

SEAN AND MORGAN'S PROFESSIONS OF FAITH & COVENANT VOWS

***CONGREGATION'S COVENANTAL VOWS** Elder Sponsor – Albert Clark

***OUR AFFIRMATIONS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH (Unison)** Martin Lifer
THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION *adapted from the Liturgy of the French Reformed Church*

Huxley – For you, Jesus Christ came into the world; for you, He went through the agony of Gethsemane and the darkness of Calvary; for you, He triumphed over death; for you, little child, even though you did not know it. But this is what we believe: "We love God, because He *first* loved us." So welcome to the family of faith!

BAPTISM AND BLESSING

Invitation for VBS Children to Gather During Hymn

***CONGREGATIONAL SONG** "Child of Promise"

Child of promise, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too. We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. Child of promise, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too.

GOOD NEWS FROM 2019 FPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MISSION

VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS WITH GOSPEL MESSAGE (8:30 & 11:00)

SONG BY SOME OF OUR VBS CHILDREN (11:00)

PRAYER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN Martin Lifer

ANTHEM (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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 *Via Dolorosa* Borop
Reid Roberson

**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

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 26:1-5,23-25
(ESV Pew Bible p. 20)

SERMON

**Father: Build Your Altar to the LORD,
And Call on His Name!**

Martin Lifer

CALLED, BLESSED AND SENT AS WITNESSES OF GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 594** *Faith of Our Fathers* ST. CATHERINE

***BENEDICTION** Martin Lifer

***POSTLUDE** Reid Roberson (8:30)
Lead On, O King Eternal, arr. L. Shackley Marquita Beaty (11:00)

**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 in honor of **Huxley Clark Schnur** on the Sunday of his baptism.

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 (mwlfier3@gmail.com).

HELP NEEDED NOW!

We Need Your Help to Continue Worship Services:



Volunteer to Be an Usher or Greeter on One or More Sundays.

Please access our "Signup Genius" webpage to sign up, or call Vivian Cade or Rita at the church office 662-323-1994.

Sign up for the **8:30 a.m.**: <https://tinyurl.com/FPC-Aug-Dec-2019-UG-830AM>

Sign up for the **11:00 a.m.** (or 10 a.m. in June) : <https://tinyurl.com/FPC-Jul-Dec-2019-UG-11AM>

Join the Choir for the final two Sundays of June!

- 1) We are 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 last Sunday or two in June.

We'd love to see you next Sunday morning at 10:30 am 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.

Help welcome the Nasvytis family, by helping furnish their summer rental home!



Joe Nasvytis, our new Assistant Pastor, will arrive in Starkville THIS Thursday, June 20. We need help furnishing a rental house for his family. Peggy Branch has a list of basic household furniture and other items needed (e.g. sofa, lamp, beds, etc.). If you would be willing to help through providing some of these items, please speak to Peggy today, or call her at 662-418-1310.

TODAY'S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES



Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Saul, David, etc.

Covenant Consecration, Sacrifice, and Offering of Yourself, Family and Your First, Best & Future

FOCUS: Spiritual Submission, Leadership, and Sacrifice

Altar ↔ ALTER

After the Temple was built with its altars, God's Law centered on his blessing of sacrifice in one place.

After Jesus' Once-for-All, perfect sacrifice, Christians Don't Build Literal "Altars."

Isaac, the Son of Abraham, the Son of God's Friend

Abraham: Theophanies, Covenant Promises, Justification by Faith, Covenant Blessings & Providence

Abraham: Faithful Footsteps ... but also Sinful Footsteps. [Halfway-Faithful ↔ Sin.]
Nevertheless, the LORD justified and blessed Abraham.

Isaac has many reasons for him to FIRST build an altar and call on the LORD's Name,

...but Isaac first set up homes, worked, dug wells, and went hunting.

Isaac's "Mid-Life" Crises

Gen. 26:2-5

THEOPHANY for Isaac! The LORD makes covenant directly with Isaac (*because of Abraham's faith*).

Isaac kind of obeys God but fears man.

Isaac *repeatedly* first sets up his home, works, and digs wells.

A SECOND THEOPHANY for Isaac - at Be'ersheba! Gen. 26:24

Finally (!!!) Isaac builds his altar to the LORD, and calls on the Name of the LORD. Gen. 26:25



Father: Build Your Altar to the LORD, And Call on His Name!

Not a literal Altar ↔ but a real ALTER

FOCUS: Spiritual Submission, Leadership, and Sacrifice

Covenant Consecration, Sacrifice, and Offering of Yourself, Family and Your First, Best & Future

Week of June 16, 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:	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)
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 18 – Paula Ivey June 20 – Bob Boyd

Thank God for Our Congregational Nominating Committee, and Pray for Their Work this Summer and Fall. We also specifically give thanks for the congregation's At-large members, -- Rubye Guest and Jane Vemer --elected last Sunday, and we pray for God's wisdom through their work

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, Rick Simmonds 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 – Starkville Manor
 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



**Flower Arranging Class and V.I.P. Luncheon
 Friday, June 28**

VIP's - Come Join Us next Friday, June 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Beverly Jones will teach us how to create beautiful arrangements for our home and for entertaining.

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

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

HELP US PREPARE FOR OUR JUNE 30 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. 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.

FPC Starkville (EPC) Men's Ministry

Will Rackley, *President*, Charlie Weatherly, *Treasurer*

Children's & Youth Ministry News

MVP Presbyterian Summer Camp for FPC 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.

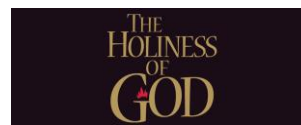
Looking ahead to NEXT month...

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.

In addition – although several of our Adult Sunday Bible Study & Fellowship Groups will also not meet for the four Sundays in July [check with your group or teacher to confirm your group's July plans] – The **Crusader Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall, 8:45-9:30 a.m.** each of the four Sundays of July, and the class invites ALL members and visitors to join the Crusaders for the following profound plenary study:



R.C. Sproul's *The Holiness of God*,

With weekly videos of Dr. Sproul's inspired messages, together with the book and study guides for Bible Study and Group discussions on Sunday morning.



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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 2019 VBS Volunteers and Children

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 JUNE 16, 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.

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Office Hours

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