

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)
JULY 21, 2019

PRELUDE *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Wagner
 Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Martin Lifer

CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST'S NAME

***Responsive Reading** from Psalm 89:1 & 3 Reid Roberson
 Minister: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever!
ALL: With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
 Minister: You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:
ALL: "I will establish your offspring forever and build your throne for all generations."

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION & PRAISE**

***HYMN 172** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

GOD'S WORD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** – from The (Westminster) *Larger Catechism*, Q. 171 Joe Nasvytis
 Minister: How do we prepare to receive the Lord's Supper?
ALL: Preparation for the Lord's Supper involves careful examination of the condition of our life in Christ, of our sins and failings, and of whether – and to what degree – we truly know God, believe in Him, have repented, and love God and our fellow believers. We should have a charitable attitude toward everyone, including forgiveness of those who have wronged us. We must also assess how much we desire Christ and whether we are living in newness of obedience. Finally we must renew the practice of these graces in us by serious meditation and fervent prayer.

***HYMN 670** *Glory Be to the Father*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION & INTERCESSION Joe Nasvytis

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.

SILENT PRAYERS

GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S MERCY

***HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

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

OFFERTORY *Sweet By and By* arr. Raney
 Jennifer Blackburn

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Martin Lifer

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Deacon of the Month: Peggy Branch
Today's Ushers: Larry Branch, Bob Boyd
Today's Greeters: Jane Bobbitt, Priscilla Boyd



Members – Submit Your Recommendations for the Nominating Committee's Consideration for Possible Officer-Nominees

The Nominating Committee invites each active FPC member to complete a Recommendation for Officer Candidates form. You may recommend active FPC members who are not currently on the Session or Diaconate (or whose terms will expire in January 2019 and who can serve another term or in a new office). **As with last Sunday:**
(1) Please refer to blue folders in vestibules and on tables near Deacon office for the list of current Active members;
(2) Please see the back page of bulletin for list of current officers; and
(3) If you need a recommendation form, please ask an usher for one.
You should return your recommendation information in the offering today or no later than next Sunday, July 28, or email your recommendation to Orly Hardin by July 28.

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE **Mark 14:33-34; Acts 16:1-3; 1 Timothy 1:2**
 (ESV Pew Bible p. 851, 924-25, 991)

SUMMER SERMON SERIES *Be Free Indeed: Free in Deed!*

TODAY'S SERMON **Free to Mentor (Part 1)** Martin Lifer

INVITATION TO TRUST AND FOLLOW JESUS

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

***HYMN 380** *Make Me a Blessing* SCHULER

***COMMISSION AND BEDICTION** Martin Lifer

***POSTLUDE** Jennifer Blackburn

**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!

Members of our FPC congregation have given today's **Sanctuary Flowers** to the Glory of God and to enhance our worship of God this Lord's Day.

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).



TODAY and next Sunday...**(July 21 & 28)** we have a single, unified Lord's Day Worship Service beginning at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday this month.

ALSO, Come Together with Your Church This Weekend & Next Sunday:

Holy Communion Next Sunday Service, July 28

Volunteers Needed for a Working Weekend at FPC, July 26-28

FPC Congregation--- Great things are happening at FPC and in order to gear up for the new year, the Strategic Planning Committee has been working hard to make some improvements to the facilities of FPC. In order to get everything completed for August, we are having a **Church-wide Cleanup Weekend**. Please text, email, or call Jackie Mullen at 662-617-3339 or jc998@msstate.edu to let her know if you as well as your family are available during this **weekend of July 26-28**. Please let Jackie know the times you are available on July 26 from noon-7pm, July 27 from 8am-3pm, or the afternoon of July 28 (if needed).

A PERSONAL MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM PASTOR LIFER

Dear members and friends of FPC,

On behalf of Nancy and our family, I thank you for your outpouring of love and support — especially for Nancy — this month. I particularly thank so many of you for you being with us for the Memorial Service we held here at FPC, and I thank our Women's Ministry for the Fellowship Reception they hosted for church members and others from the community here for the service. You have truly been vessels of God's grace to my family.

I also thank those of you who have been interested in a Memorial Gift to support God's mission. As noted in the obituary for Louise, if you wish to make a memorial gift, then you may make it in Memory of Louise to FPC to help FPC Missions: check to FPC, and memo "Haddigan Memorial/Missions."

Your grateful pastor, Martin Lifer



TODAY'S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

The Biblical, Discipleship Mandate to Christians calls you to _____ Others!

In the Great Commission, Jesus commands us to _____
So how did Jesus make disciples?

“Examine the life of Christ in the Gospels and notice His approach: Jesus spoke to multitudes. He fed thousands. He taught many. He sent out seventy to witness, **but He changed the world with only twelve. Even more than that, He poured Himself especially into three: Peter, James, and John.** Alvin Reid in *Tabletalk* [A Reformed Theological Magazine published by Ligonier Ministries]

Central to Discipleship is an Intentional Personal Engagement of Discipleship-Mentoring, involving *Conscious Teaching, Modeling, Correcting, and Encouraging.*

The Apostle Paul: **“Whatever you have seen in me, do!” “... put it into practice!”** Philippians 4:9

Tony Evans, *Kingdom Disciples: Heaven's Representatives on Earth*

The goal of kingdom disciples is to live transformed lives that transfer the values of God's kingdom to earth by _____ themselves in the lives of others disciples.

Fox Conner: *the Most Important Mississippian of the 20th Century that most Mississippians don't know.*

- **General Pershing's Chief of Staff in WW1** (and mastermind of the strategy that ended WW1 amazingly quickly),... and

- **General Eisenhower's Mentor**

Mentor to 3 of the 4 most important American generals in WW2: Marshall, Patton, and Eisenhower,...

...but especially THE Father Figure to Ike. *If Conner doesn't save & mentor young Eisenhower, then there would have been no D-Day Ike!*

“With him!”

“Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him.” Acts 16:3a

“The best learning comes not from simply listening to a mentor but from seeing truth lived out in the mentor's life. Informal mentoring allows the person you mentor to see you as you live life, and vice versa. We can all put on a front in a scheduled, weekly meeting, but are less likely to do so as we conduct our normal lives daily.” Alvin Reid

NOT mere nice-person cheerleading and a 5-minute or 45-minute Scripture quote & prayer.

Mentor takes disciple with him/her in *real life*: mountains, minefield (valley of shadow), & the mundane.

Paul takes Timothy with him: Circumcision, and Mission

Jesus takes Peter, James & John with Him to **“Remain and watch!”**

From Mount of Transfiguration to the Garden of Gethsemane.

The Son sets you free to MENTOR. Pray, Lord, lead me to be a faithful _____!

My children in the faith:

“To Timothy, my true child in the faith.”

Week of July 21, 2019

SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00 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 (120 Jackson St.)

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 (120 Jackson St.)

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> Dolph Bryan Harold Clark Cecelia Cook Bob Daniels Orly Hardin Edward Kemp	<u>Class of 2020</u> Carl Ivey Jim Beaty Peggy Johnson Jeff Foster	<u>Class of 2021</u> Wallace Cade Jack Forbus Will Martin Cal Rackley
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Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate

<u>Class of 2019</u> Peggy Branch Vivian Cade Joel Downey Jason Ryder	<u>Class of 2020</u> Tabor Mullen Kristen Skinner Johnny Fair Jeremy Murdock	<u>Class of 2021</u> Glenda Clark Jack Cook Peyton Fandel Robby Holditch
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FPC Starkville (EPC) Women's Ministry

Janice Kinard, Moderator

The coordinating team does not meet this month.
Circles are not formally scheduled to meet this month.

HELP US PREPARE FOR OUR AUGUST 4 DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER FOR THE SIMMONS FAMILY!

Lane and Emily Simmons are expecting the birth of their son and third child, **Harrison Lane Simmons**, 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 **August 4**.

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

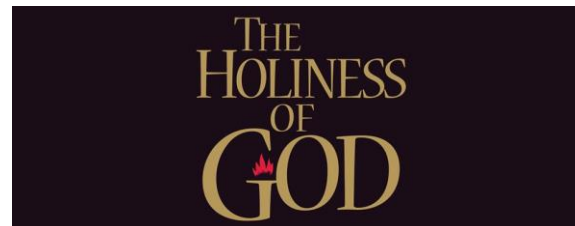
Will Rackley, *President*, Charlie Weatherly, *Treasurer*



Men- Please join us for our Men's Ministry Quarterly Lunch

THIS Friday, July 26, noon to 1 pm, Fellowship Hall, Lunch provided - \$10 per person

Short devotion and General ministry updates
Please **RSVP** to Will Rackley or the Church Office.



SPECIAL ADULT BIBLE STUDY EACH SUNDAY IN JULY, 8:45-9:30 a.m. Though FPC's Children's Sunday School and most of our Adult Sunday Bible Study & Fellowship Groups are *not* meeting for the four Sundays in July – The **Crusader Class is hosting a Plenary Bible Study to which all adults, youth, and older children are invited. Each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall, 8:45-9:30 a.m.**, the class will learn from Dr. R.C. Sproul's inspiring classic, **The Holiness of God.**



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

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."
John 8:36



JULY 21, 2019

Sunday School | 8:30 – 9:25 a.m.

Morning Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall) | 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service | 10:00 a.m.

Visit Our Website for Sermon Podcasts & Ministry News
www.fpcstarkville.org

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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.*