

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY		
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)		
JULY 28, 2019		
PRELUDE	A Quiet Blessing	Vevenger Jennifer Blackburn
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Martin Lifer
CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST’S NAME		
*Responsive Reading	from Exodus 12:14a; Luke 22:19	Reid Roberson
Minister: This day shall be for you a memorial day. ALL: And you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. Minister: And [Jesus] took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, ALL: “This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”		
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION & PRAISE		
*HYMN 403	Here, at Your Table, Lord	BREAD OF LIFE
PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION & INTERCESSION		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.		
SILENT PRAYERS		
GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S MERCY		
**HYMN 670	Glory Be to the Father	
SPECIAL MUSIC	A Child’s Prayer	Craig, Amy, Jack & Molly Kate Aarhus
GOD’S WORD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN		Ashleigh Murdock
*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)		Martin Lifer
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.		
HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY		
*OFFERING: GOD’S TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	I Worship You, Almighty God	arr. Hayes Jennifer Blackburn
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Martin Lifer
*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!		
Deacon of the Month: Peggy Branch Today’s Ushers: Larry Branch, Bob Boyd Today’s Greeters: Jane Bobbitt, Priscilla Boyd		



Beginning NEXT Sunday, August 4, we will return to our Regular Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship Service | 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School | 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.
(Please see the Bulletin Insert for available Sunday School classes.)

Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall) | 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED		
SCRIPTURE		Galatians 1:1-5 (ESV Pew Bible p. 972)
SUMMER SERMON SERIES	Be Free Indeed: Free in Deed!	
TODAY’S SERMON	The Authority, Power and Essence of the Gospel	Joe Nasvytis
INVITATION TO TRUST AND FOLLOW JESUS		
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		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION - FOR RECIPIENTS AS CHRIST’S WITNESSES		
CALLED, BLESSED AND SENT AS WITNESSES OF GOD’S WORD		
*†HYMN 340	Word of God, Across the Ages	AUSTRIAN HYMN
*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION		Joe Nasvytis
*POSTLUDE	Down By the Riverside	arr. Ham Jennifer Blackburn

*The congregation is invited to stand.

+The invitation to the Lord’s Table today is open to all baptized and affirming Christian disciples who: (a) are active in fellowship with our church or any other church professing personal faith in salvation through Jesus Christ; (b) have previously been approved by a church for the Lord’s Supper; and (c) are spiritually ready to receive Holy Communion.

†Freewill Monthly Offering as Extra Giving Support to FPC’s Local Mission & Benevolence: We invite you to place in one of the baskets at the front of the Chancel – **during the closing hymn or following the service** – a **FPC Local Missions & Benevolence Support Special Offering**. This offering is to be given only after disciples *first* bring their tithe to God and regular offering; it is used **to supplement FPC’s local benevolence mission support and mission ministries**.

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.

The rose and cradle cross are placed today in thanksgiving for the birth on Monday, July 15, 2019, of **Sadie Grace Massingill** to Allen and Alex Massingill. The cradle cross and rose will be given to the family following today’s service, in addition to the “First Bible” that Pastor Lifer gave to Sadie Grace when visiting with and blessing Sadie Grace last week.



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.



If you would like to learn more about growing in faith in Jesus Christ, about church membership and/or about ways you can learn and serve at FPC – then 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 (mwllifer3@gmail.com).

TODAY’S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

In the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, **a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."** (Rom. 1:17)

Paul, an apostle-- not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead--and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Gal. 1:1-5)

1. Since Jesus revealed the gospel directly to His apostles, we can depend on the _____ and _____ of the gospel in Scripture.

a. Jesus revealed the gospel _____ to the Apostle Paul.

For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is **not man’s gospel. For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ...But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone.** (Gal. 1:11-12, 15-16)

b. When we read the Bible, we need to remember that Jesus is the _____ of Scripture.

"O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe **all that the prophets have spoken!** Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And **beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them _____ the things concerning himself.** (Lk. 24:25-27)

c. Since the gospel is God’s power to radically change our own and others’ lives, our natural _____ is to have Paul’s _____ toward the gospel.

I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So **I am eager to preach the gospel** to you also who are in Rome. For **I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.** (Rom. 1:14-16)

“The truth of the Gospel is the principal article of all Christian doctrine... Most necessary is it that we know this article well, teach it to others, and beat it into their heads continually.” —Martin Luther

2. Since the gospel teaches us who we are and Who God is, understanding it keeps us _____ and _____.

a. We’re _____ and lost apart from Christ.

You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, **following the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once **lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body** and the mind, and **were by nature children of wrath**, like the rest of mankind. (Eph. 2:1–3)

b. Jesus rescued us by giving _____ for our sins.

c. God the Father accepted Jesus’ work in our place by _____ Him from he dead and giving us the grace and _____ Jesus’ achieved for us.

Much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. (Rom. 5:17)

Week of July 28, 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.)

CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK

July 30 – Loren Zimmerman

August 1 – Billy Harrington

Prayer List

Charles and Roxene Atkinson
Joe and Carol Mobley
Levette and Peggy Johnson
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
Bill Gamel
Ross Collins
Billy and Brenda Harrington
Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
Scott Guest (Charlie and Rubye's son)
Teresa Miller (Amy Harrison's mom)
Emily Chancellor (Natalie Morgan's Niece)
Carl Ivey, Sr. (Dukedom, Kentucky); Michael Belcher (Friend of the Iveys)
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)
Diane Daniels, her sister, Delores Irvin, 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
Cattie Taylor – Beehive, Starkville
Jane Lusk – The Claiborne
Jetta Kuykendall – The Grove, Columbia
Frances Oakley – Sunnysbrook 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

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 past month. In addition, thanks to those of you who have been interested in a Memorial Gift to support God's mission. 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



ELDERS & DEACONS

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

The Nominating Committee has invited 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 has been the case on previous Sundays:**
(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 list of current officers [below on this page]; and
(3) If you need a recommendation form, please ask an usher for one.

You should return your recommendation information in the offering THIS MORNING, or email your recommendation to Orly Hardin by TODAY.

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

Please note these dates:

Women’s Ministry Coordinating Team, Sunday, August 4, noon, Fellowship Hall, lunch provided

Women’s Ministry Annual Luncheon and meeting for all circle members, **Saturday, August 10**, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Fall Thursday Afternoon Women's Bible Study -

One in a Million: Journey to Your Promised Land by Priscilla Shirer

Priscilla's words summarize the focus of the study : "... Promised land living does not mean a life with no problems. It means experiencing God's power and presence in spite of difficulty." This seven-session study will begin on August 29, meeting each Thursday 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
To register and order a workbook (\$15), please contact Peggy Johnson.

Women’s Retreat

Calling all women of the church!! Mark your calendars for our **Women’s Retreat, August 23 and 24**.
Come fellowship with other women, listen to a speaker preach the Gospel, and grow in faith!
More info to come. Questions? Contact Ashleigh Murdock

HELP US PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY’S 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 will host a Diapers & Wipes Shower to be during our Fellowship Gathering Time **Next Sunday**.
Please bring gifts of diapers and diaper wipes to the bin in the Fellowship Hall today OR bring your gift to the Church Office during Office Hours.

FPC Starkville (EPC) Men’s Ministry

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

Back to School for VIP’s (Senior Adults) and Children!

Game Night for ALL children and youth of the church and the VIP's
Wednesday Night, August 28th, 5:30-7 p.m. in **FPC’s Fellowship Hall**. *We will have pizza and games, a fun time for inter-generational fellowship!!*
Please call Amy Aarhus if you have questions.



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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STARKVILLE

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 28, 2019

Sunday School | 8:30 – 9:25 a.m.

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

Worship Service | 10:00 a.m.

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Office Hours

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