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Welcome to our worship of God on this second Lord’s Day of 2020. Please join us again on upcoming Sundays – **not only for worship but also for Sunday Bible Study** (please see the Bulletin Insert for Adult Class offerings) and for our Fellowship Gathering (10:30-10:50 a.m. downstairs in the Fellowship Hall – below the Sanctuary).

Sunday Morning Children’s Ministry and Childcare Information:
We provide the TLC Ministry for children Age 3 through 1st Graders during the 11 a.m. Service – which the children attend following the Children’s Message at the 11 a.m. Service. Sunday School time is 9:45-10:30 a.m. We have a number of Sunday School groups for youth and children (Age 3 and older), but **all children and teenagers begin on Sundays on the 3rd Floor of the CE Building, 9:45-9:55 a.m., with a Worship Gathering of Music, Prayer, and Catechism.** We also provide loving and safe Christian Childcare for infants and toddlers of families at FPC [for newborns through Age 3] from 8:15 a.m. through 12:15 p.m. on the Main Floor of the Christian Education Building, which is the building immediately northeast of the Sanctuary.

To learn more about growing in faith in Jesus Christ, church membership and/or about ways you can learn and serve at FPC – then please speak to Pastor Lifer or Assistant Pastor Nasvytis, call the church office, or send an email message to Pastor Lifer via (**mwlifer3@gmail.com**).

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE		
JANUARY 12, 2020		
BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY AND FPC ORDINATION & INSTALLATION DAY		
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY		
PRELUDE	Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now	arr. Sewell Jennifer Blackburn
WELCOME; MINISTRY INVITATION (Martin Lifer and Ashleigh Murdock – Director of Children’s Ministry)		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)		
*RESPONSIVE READING OF GOD’S WORD	from Mark 1:17-18	Joe Nasvytis
Minister: And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”		
ALL: And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.		
*INVOCATION		
*HYMN 391	We Are Called to Be God’s People	AUSTRIAN HYMN
PRAYER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN		
Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)		
*ANTHEM (11:00 – Chancel Choir)	The Mind of Christ	SCOTT
PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & PETITION		
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.		
GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S GRACE		
*HYMN OF RESPONSE 668 - THE DOXOLOGY		
*GIVING - GOD’S TITHE, JOYFUL PROMISE PLEDGES, AND FURTHER OFFERINGS		
*PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION		
OFFERTORY	Make Me a Servant	arr. Hayes 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 using one of these devices during the service.

Deacon of the Month: Johnny Fair
Today’s Ushers: (8:30) – Gary Bardwell; (11:00) – Larry Anthony, Brien Henry
Today’s Greeters: (8:30) – Janet Bardwell; (11:00) – Wanda Anthony, Amanda Henry

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED		
SCRIPTURE	Mark 6:7-13, [14-29], 30 (ESV Pew Bible p. 841)	
SERMON	APOSTOLIC Gospel, Church and Believers	Martin Lifer
RESPONDING IN FAITH TO GOD’S WORD		
INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST		
*RESPONSIVE HYMN 440 (v. 1)	Here I Am, Lord	HERE I AM, LORD
ORDAINING AND INSTALLING OFFICERS OF FPC STARKVILLE (EPC) - Please refer to the Bulletin Insert		
Session Class of 2020: Harry Bell, Scotty Crawford, Wesley Ferguson, Susan Gamel, and Brien Henry		
Diaconate Class of 2020: Jack Atkins, Rebecca Wade Banzhaf, Janet Bardwell, and Lee Weiskopf		
Ordination/Installation Questions to the Elders-Elect and Deacons-Elect		
Martin Lifer		
*Questions to the Congregation		
*RESPONSIVE HYMN 440 (v. 2)	Here I Am, Lord	HERE I AM, LORD
Introduction to the Laying on of Hands; Invitation to all Officers; Prayer & Declarations		
Charge to Our Newly-Installed Officers; Charge & Commission to the Congregation		
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	God Be With You Until We Meet Again	
POSTLUDE	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	SMITH Jennifer Blackburn

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The Sanctuary Flowers this morning are provided given **to the Glory of God** by the Harrington family, in advance of today’s 2:00 p.m. Service in Thanksgiving to God for the Resurrection of Christ Our Lord and for the Faith and Life of William Burney (Billy) Harrington.

Please continue to pray today for God to be glorified as He comforts and upholds Brenda, Hays & Melina, Reed & Yancey, and Laurie Harrington, together with Billy & Brenda’s grandchildren and other family members.

HELP NEEDED BRIEFLY AT CLOSE OF 11 a.m. SERVICE. Please See Pastor Lifer about help needed immediately following the Benediction concluding the 11 a.m. Service. We need up to six volunteers to help with moving Billy Harrington’s casket into the Sanctuary. If you can help for a few minutes, please check in with Pastor Lifer at the base of the front steps outside the Sanctuary immediately following the Benediction. He will then form a team to deploy for brief help to funeral home personnel arriving at FPC.

TODAY’S SERMON NOTES
1. Jesus’ Greatest Miracles in His Earthly Ministry Prior to the Cross:
Choosing & Calling Disciples by His Word.
Mark 1:17-18 - And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”
And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.
Choosing & Calling Apostles for the Ministry of His Word.
Mark 3:13-14 - And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those whom He desired, and they came to Him. And He appointed twelve (whom He also named apostles) so that
- they might be with Him and that
- He might send them out to preach.
Sending Apostles for the Ministry of His Word and with Authority Over Satan’s Kingdom.
Mark 6:7 & 6:11-13 And He called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.
“And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”
So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.
And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

2. The Timing and Real-World Valley of the Shadow & In the Presence of My Enemies Context of Jesus’ Calling, Communion, Teaching & Sending of the Apostles.

Mark 1 - John’s Arrest

Mark 3 - Pharisees Are Conspiring with the Herodians to Kill Jesus

Mark 6 - Jesus’ Own Home Synagogue (Home Church) Rejects Him in Front of His Apostles, and

Herod Antipas Has Beheaded John the Baptist and Is Equating Jesus with John.

Jewish Religious (“Church”) – Deadly Opposition

World Powers – Deadly Opposition

3. The Greatest Miracles of Jesus and His Spirit After His Resurrection & Ascension and Before His Return:

In the face of Opposition and Against All Odds – Inside the Visible Church and Outside in the World and Satan’s Temporary Kingdom – Electing and Regenerating Sinners as New Creations, and Calling & Sending Them as His One, Holy, Catholic AND Apostolic Church.

Acts of the Apostles – Prologue through Chapter 28 ... and onward!

2 Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 – All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Week of January 12, 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
	2:00 p.m.	Service in Thanksgiving to God for the Resurrection of Christ and for the Faith & Life of William Burney (Billy) Harrington
MONDAY:	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
TUESDAY:	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast Bible Study & Prayer Fellowship (Parlor)
WEDNESDAY:	5:15p.m.	Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	5:50p.m.	Nursery, Children and Youth programs begin
	6:00p.m.	Women’s Bible Study and Co-ed (Men & Women) Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
THURSDAY:	1-2:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Prayer List

Brenda Harrington
Paula Elliott
Boswell Kennard
Sylvia Love
Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
Jimmie Brown
John Clark Packer
Bruce and Betty Latimer
Roxene Atkinson
Wells Beaty
Greta Bryan
Randell Foxworth
Marjorie Malone
Mae Glass (Vivien Miller’s mother)
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)
Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
Cindy Stewart (friend of George and Jane Vemer)
Aspen Reynolds (Anita Reynold’s granddaughter)
Teresa Miller (Amy Harrison’s mom)
Carl Ivey, Sr. (Dukedom, 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)
Bill and Tan Chapman
Bobby Fleming (brother of Gloria Cade), and Hazel Davis (Wallace Cade’s aunt)
Diane Daniels and Delores Irvin (Diane’s sister)
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)
Larry Melton (Kathy Wright’s father)

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

Pray for Our New FPC Officers

Today at our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service,
we will *ordain and install the following Elders-Elect and Deacons-Elect:*

Session Class of 2022

Harry Bell
Scotty Crawford
Wesley Ferguson
Susan Gamel
Brien Henry

Diaconate Class of 2022

Jack Atkins
Rebecca Banzhaf
Janet Bardwell
Lee Weiskopf

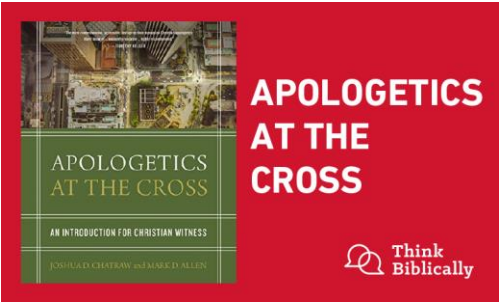
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION to MAKE HISTORY!
The FIRST Friends & Family Dinner of the DECADE is
THIS Wednesday, January 15, 5:15-5:45 p.m.

THIS Wednesday’s Dinner: Hamburger Steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, lima beans, rolls & red velvet cake. Adults may also choose a Chef Salad . . . or, as always, children may have pizza; just let us know. *Please complete your reservation card and place it in the Offering today, or call or send an email to the Church Office. All reservations for Jan. 15 must be received by tomorrow, Jan. 13, at NOON!*

Friends & Family Night Adult Studies – Begin This Wednesday:

The Acclaimed New Bible Study Course for Men & Women Comes to FPC,
Facilitated by Rev. Joe Nasvytis on Wednesday Nights:

Apologetics at the Cross: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN WITNESS.
Dr. Joshua Chatraw and Dr. Mark Allen Equip Christians to Think Biblically in How to(a) Introduce Christian Faith, and (b) Respond to Concerns, Questions, and Objections Often Raised. In other words, this class helps Christians “Give the Reason for Our Sure Hope.”



Women’s Wednesday Night Bible Study: *Breathe!*

Women, join us in the New Year/spring semester as we study together on Wednesday nights during the Friends and Family program. We will begin the semester with **Priscilla Shirer’s 5-session study *Breathe***, embracing the concept of Sabbath and how it can change our lives! Please sign up through the church office or contact Orly Hardin to order your study journal. *Looking forward to our women’s Wednesday night group being back together on Wednesday evenings in 2020!*

FPC Starkville (EPC) Women’s Ministry

Janice Kinard, Moderator

Mission for the month – FPC Children’s Ministry

Lesson 4: *Discontent*. Prepare and read Romans 12:9-21
Mon, 1/13 @ 1:30 pm, location: Parlor

Tues, 1/14 @ 6:00 pm, location: home of Betty Ann Folsom, 151 Stoneridge Walk, Columbus, MS
Mon, 1/20 @ 7:00 pm, location: home of Ashleigh Murdock

Attention, 5th-Grade Students and Parents of 5th-Graders:

Our Christian Education Ministry has opened enrollment this month (through January 22) for *COVENANT, BREAD, AND CUP* – our class focused on: (a) teaching our 5th-Graders about a Biblical & Reformed (Presbyterian) understanding of God’s covenant with his people and of Christian worship and sacraments; (b) preparing baptized 5th graders to partake of the Lord’s Supper later this spring [provided that the students are baptized and have parental consent to partake]; and (c) helping equip our 5th Graders to be better prepared for their future participation as Youth in our Confirmation Program for Middle School and High School students. The class will meet each Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. Worship service – beginning January 26 and concluding in March. In addition, class students will assist in the 11:00 a.m. Service during Sundays in March. Janice Kinard will be the lead instructor, and other church officers and/or ministry staff will join Janice on various Sundays during the class. *Prior to Holy Week in April, all children faithfully participating will – provided parental consent – be approved by the Session to receive Communion (the Lord’s Supper).* To register your 5th-Grade child for the class, please contact Kathy Wright in the church office by January 22 at 323-1994 or by email at info@fpcstarkville.org.



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Office Hours

Monday - Friday:

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