

Visiting with Us?



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 Christ, church membership and/or ways you can learn and serve at FPC – please speak to Pastor Lifer or Assistant Pastor Nasvytis, call the church office, or send an email to Pastor Lifer via mwllifer3@gmail.com.

Please join us again on upcoming Sundays not only for worship but also for
Sunday Bible Study (see the information below) and for our
Fellowship Gathering (10:30-10:50 a.m. downstairs in the Fellowship Hall).

Sunday Children’s & Youth 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.

We also provide loving and safe Christian Childcare on the Main Floor of the
Christian Education Building - northeast of the Sanctuary -
for infants and toddlers of FPC families & guests - from 8:15 a.m. through 12:15 p.m.

Sunday School for Children & Youth (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 that includes Joyful Christian Music, Prayer, and Catechism Teaching of Basic Biblical Faith** [see above-left photo].

ADULTS: ENJOY A RICHER LORD’S DAY AT FPC!

Adult Sunday Bible Study & Fellowship Groups
(9:45-10:30 a.m. every Sunday this semester)

Crusaders’ Class Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Led by Jack Forbus, Ernie George & Charlie Guest

Faith for Life Bible Study & Fellowship Group
Led by Pastor Lifer, Rev. Bruce Latimer, and Dr. Bob Daniels
(The Chapel, behind the Worship Chancel)

Joy Class - *Led by Phil Gruchy* (The Parlor – below the Sanctuary)
(lower floor of Sanctuary Building, south of Fellowship Hall)

New Covenant Class - *Led by Jim Beaty*
Main Room behind Worship Hall Balcony (3rd Floor)

Women in the Word - *Led by Nancy Lifer*
Room S-6 on the Main Sanctuary Bldg. Floor (around the corner from the Chapel)

College Group Bible Study (Johnson Room in the Church Office Building)
Led by Ben & Alison Jackson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE

JANUARY 19, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

PRELUDE

Solomon’s Prayer

Wesley
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME & MINISTRY INVITATIONS

Campus Ministry Updates & Appeal for Scholarship Support for MSU Students Register this week for CCO Jubilee Conference in February. [The *Total Scholarship Amount per Student is \$269*]
Martin Lifer & Ben Jackson

Women’s Fellowship, Thursday, Jan. 30 at the Grill, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Kristen Skinner

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

***RESPONSIVE READING OF GOD’S WORD** from Psalm 23:1-3 & Ezekiel 34:23
Martin Lifer

Minister: The LORD is my shepherd;
ALL: I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.
Minister: He leads me beside still waters.
ALL: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.
Minister: “Then I will set over them one shepherd, my servant David.”
ALL: “And he shall feed them.”

*INVOCATION

*HYMN 114

Enough

ENOUGH

PRAYER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

*** AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** from The (Westminster) Shorter Catechism, Q. 86
Reid Roberson

Minister: What is faith in Jesus Christ?
ALL: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, by which we receive and rest on Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI

***ANTHEM** (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

Create in Me

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & PETITION

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.

GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 668 - THE DOXOLOGY

*GIVING - GOD’S TITHE AND FURTHER OFFERINGS

*PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION

Reid Roberson

OFFERTORY

Worthy of Worship

arr. Hayes
Jennifer Blackburn

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:30- 44
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 841-42)

SERMON

*Compassionate Shepherd, Perfect Savior
for Imperfect Disciples*

Martin Lifer

RESPONDING IN FAITH TO GOD’S WORD

INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST

***RESPONSIVE HYMN 91** *Surely Goodness and Mercy* GOODNESS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be With You Until We Meet Again

POSTLUDE

Jennifer Blackburn

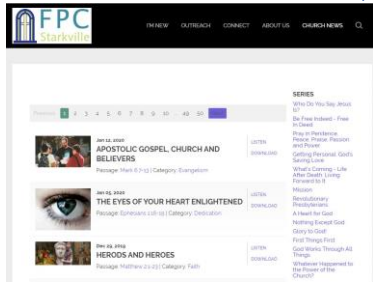
**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Having trouble hearing the service? We have portable hearing assistance 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.**

Hear God’s Word proclaimed throughout the week:

Go to the FPC Website, click to the Sermons Page, and

Listen to Podcasts of FPC Sermons,...



OR, better,

Subscribe Directly to the FPC Sermon Podcast and access sermons regularly on your phone, pad, or other computer.

Access the FPC Sermon Podcast on the FPC Starkville website. (1) Review key messages that you’ve already heard, and (2) listen for the first time to sermons that you missed hearing.

BREAKING GOOD-NEWS UPDATES! (1) FPC’s Sermon Podcast was placed at the **top of the list** of recently-added podcasts on **the website “Best Starkville Podcasts:”**



Thank you to our Good News Outreach Communications Team for making the Podcast available, and thank all of you who have already subscribed and devote time to re-listen to God’s Word through the week!

(2) Thanks to Noa Hardin and FPC’s Good News Outreach Communication Team, our new **FPC Instagram Account** has been up & running for the past week. **Open (or add – if you don’t already have) the Instagram APP on your phone or other computer, and follow & like FPC’s account.**

We especially thank those of you who joined as followers in Week 1!!!



SERVING THE LORD IN SUNDAY WORSHIP

January 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

Help Needed for Sunday Morning Worship Services!

Volunteer to Be an Usher or Greeter: Access our “Signup Genius” webpage to sign up,

Sign up for the 8:30 a.m. Service: <https://tinyurl.com/vhemz26>

Sign up for the 11:00 a.m. Service: <https://tinyurl.com/s23s9bt>

... or call Kathy at the church office 662-323-1994.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary for Lord’s Day worship, **please call Kathy in the church office for details and/or to reserve a date. You may provide one or two arrangements or contribute smaller amounts to a flower fund. If you would like to sign up online, access - <https://tinyurl.com/rdakltm>**

We also need Office Volunteers to help for a couple of hours a week on Mondays (9:15-11:15am) to count money and to help with various projects, and we need volunteers to help on Fridays (2:00-4:00pm), distributing bulletins, and helping with various other projects. If you would like to volunteer, you can sign up online at: <https://tinyurl.com/u3bx617>
...or call or email Kathy in the church office at 662-323-1994 or info@fpcstarkville.org.

Week of January 19, 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
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’s and Youth programs
	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)
FRIDAY:	1-3:00 p.m.	Welcome & Registration for Presbytery Meeting (Volunteers Needed; Please Contact the Church Office)
	7:00 p.m.	Communion Worship Service – ALL MEMBERS & GUESTS Welcome (FPC Sanctuary)
SATURDAY:	7:30 a.m.	Help FPC Volunteers Welcome Back Presbytery Members
	8:00 a.m.	Join the Presbytery’s Morning Worship Service (FPC Sanctuary)

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION for *Friends & Family Dinner* Wednesday, Jan. 22, 5:15-5:45 p.m.
THIS Wednesday’s Dinner: Pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, and butter cream 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. 22 must be received by tomorrow, Jan. 20, at NOON!*

Prayers for Family & Friends of FPC’s Paula Elliott. Please continue to pray for family and close friends of beloved and longtime member of FPC, Paula Elliott. We grieve her death (last Monday, January 13), but we rejoice in the Lord’s call of Paula to the Church Triumphant.

Prayer List

Emily Ferguson
Brenda Harrington
Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
Boswell Kennard
Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
Jimmie Brown
Sylvia Love
Jimmy Dodd
John Clark Packer
Bruce and Betty Latimer
Roxene Atkinson
Wells Beaty
Greta Bryan
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)
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)
Bobby Fleming (brother of Gloria Cade), and Hazel Davis (Wallace Cade’s aunt)
Diane Daniels, Delores Irvin (Diane’s sister), and Bill and Tan Chapman
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

JOIN US IN WORSHIP with Our Presbytery THIS Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Help our ministry staff & Chancel Choir host our central South Presbytery (EPC) for the Friday evening Communion Service.

Childcare will be provided, 6:45-8:15 p.m.



Prepare to Receive the Lord’s Supper Faithfully Friday Evening . Friday Evening, we will share the Lord’s Supper with all baptized and affirming believers who are (a) active in fellowship *either* in our congregation *OR* in another evangelical church professing personal faith in salvation through Jesus Christ, *and* (b) prepared in the Holy Spirit to discern and partake of the Body. Therefore, devote yourself this week to focused days of spiritual renewal, in preparation for sharing Holy Communion. God’s Word instructs that our preparation should include Spirit-led self-examination, repentance, and reconciliation to God and to others (particularly fellow believers from whom we may have become estranged) – while always trusting in God’s grace in all things.

“Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body of Christ eats and drinks judgment on himself.” [1 Corinthians 11:28-29]

We need Volunteers to help host the Presbytery Friday afternoon, Friday evening, and Saturday morning. **If you can help during ANY of these times**, please call or email Kathy Wright in the church office at 662-323-1994 or info@fpcstarkville.org

Friends & Family Wednesday Night Adult Studies

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, 1/20 @ 7:00 pm, location: home of Ashleigh Murdock

Ladies, Join us NEXT Friday for our Women’s Fellowship Night Out:
Christian Fellowship Thursday, Jan. 30 at the Grill, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

FPC Starkville (EPC) Men’s Ministry

ALL MEN INVITED to our Quarterly Fellowship Lunch & Meeting, Friday, January 31, Noon – 1:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

We will plan to discuss candidates for a new president and treasurer. We can also continue our talks on mission opportunities specifically suited for the Men of the Church.

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.



Starkville’s Church
That Preaches the *Doctrines of Grace*
and
That is Part of the EPC –

A Global Movement of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches



Join Our College Ministry Members and Members & Guests of All Ages for Our Fellowship Gathering on Sundays, 10:30-10:50 a.m. [in the Fellowship Hall or, on Pleasant-Weather Sundays, on the Eastside Breezeway & Courtyard.]

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Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday:

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