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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 mwlfir3@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, Church Office Bldg.) *Led by Ben & Alison Jackson*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE

JANUARY 26, 2020

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

PRELUDE

Sing a New Song

Broughton
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME & MINISTRY INVITATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

***RESPONSIVE READING OF GOD’S WORD** *adapted from* Genesis 15:5-6

Joe Nasvytis

Minister: And the LORD brought Abram outside and said, "*Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.*" Then He said to him, "*So shall your offspring be.*"
ALL: And he believed the LORD, and the LORD counted it to him as righteousness.

*INVOCATION

***HYMN** (See Insert)

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & 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.

GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S GRACE

***Hymn 98** (v. 3)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand ‘ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

***ANTHEM** (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

Sweet Hour of Prayer

*** AFFIRMING OUR FAITH - The Apostles’ Creed** (*Unison*)

Reid Roberson

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 OF RESPONSE 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

***GIVING - GOD’S TITHE AND FURTHER OFFERINGS**

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

Martin Lifer

OFFERTORY

Lord, Be Glorified

arr. Hayes
Jennifer Blackburn

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Mark 7:1-23
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 842-843)

SERMON

A Very Jewish Conversation

Daryl Fenton

RESPONDING IN FAITH TO GOD’S WORD

INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST

***RESPONSIVE HYMN 289**

Days of Elijah

DAYS OF ELIJAH

***BENEDICTION**

Daryl Fenton

***CHORAL RESPONSE** (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

POSTLUDE

Praise and Glory [arr. Schram]

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.*

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

Our Mission Partnership with CMJ Israel

God has blessed and called First Presbyterian Church Starkville to partner for the past two years with the Church’s Ministry Among Jewish People (CMJ) and, specifically, with CMJ’s ministries in Israel (CMJ Israel). The mission of CMJ Israel is to represent the Love of Yeshua (Jesus) in Word and deed with Jewish people and Gentiles living in the Land of Israel (including Palestinians & other Arabs), as well as with Jews and Gentiles visiting Israel from abroad.

Founded in 1809, CMJ has, further, been active in the Land of Israel since the 1820s. That makes CMJ Israel the oldest continual Protestant evangelical ministry working with and among both Jewish people and Gentiles in the Land.



Welcome The Reverend Canon Daryl Fenton and The Reverend Pedro Santos

On Friday, FPC Starkville was honored to introduce to our Central South Presbytery (EPC) **The Reverend Canon Daryl Fenton** and **The Reverend Pedro Santos**, and this morning, **we welcome Daryl and Pedro to our Lord’s Day worship services. We are especially blessed to have Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton preach God’s Word, as well as to hear Good News mission updates from Rev. Pedro Santos.**

As of January 1, **Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton became Executive Director of CMJ Israel in Jerusalem.** Prior to that, he served as the **Executive Director of CMJ in the United States from 2011 to 2019.** A graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, and Trinity Seminary, Ambridge, Pennsylvania, Daryl has served in a number of leadership roles for the Anglican Church Network and in evangelical mission, and – in addition to his work for CMJ, Daryl continues to serve as Canon to the Middle East for Archbishop Beach and the ACNA.

Reverend Fenton is married to Sandy Fenton. They have two grown children, Joshua and Amanda, and grandchildren Jacob, Ethan and Alana.

Rev. Pedro Santos (originally from Brasil) for the past two decades has served as **Director of the Beit Immanuel Ministry Centre in Yafo/Jaffa** (employing the historic Ustinov-House facilities to house the CMJ Cultural Centre for the Tel Aviv area, a Bed & Breakfast serving thousands of visitors annually from multiple countries, and the meeting and worship place for **the weekly services of both the Messianic Jewish and Arab communities in the larger Yafo-Tel Aviv.)**

With a strong emphasis on reconciliation, Rev. Santos and his team work closely with the local Jaffa Arab Christian congregation, and they disciple Jewish and Arab men and women who, in turn, impart the values and discipline of a faithful, Christ-centred lifestyle.

Rev. Santos is married to Annu, a Finnish national whom he met in Israel. Together, they have two sons, Daniel 22 and Yonatan 18.

Throughout the week, hear God’s Word proclaimed:

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.

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 two weeks. **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 our first two weeks!!

Week of January 26, 2020

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| 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 |
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| THURSDAY: | 1-2:30 p.m. | Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) |
| FRIDAY: | 12-1 p.m. | Men's Ministry Quarterly Meeting & Lunch (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Women's Ministry Fellowship (Central Station Grill) |

TEJERAS MEAL SPONSORS (Mission meal for children in Tejas, Honduras)
January 29 & February 5 – By members of the congregation for the Glory of God and in honor of the newly ordained church officers.



Please join us in **condolence and other expressions of loving support** – together with **prayers seeking God's comfort and peace for – Vivien and Len Miller and family** – following the **death on Thursday, January 23, of Vivien's' mother, Mae Glass**. While we grieve with Vivien, we also join her in joyfully remembering Mae's singing with our FPC Chancel Choir, and we especially celebrate the Call of the Church Triumphant for Mae.

Prayer List

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
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

FPC Starkville (EPC) Women's Ministry

Janice Kinard, Moderator

Mission for the month – FPC Children's Ministry

**Women's Fellowship, THIS Friday, Jan. 31
at Starkville's Central Station Grill, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**



**Ladies, Join us THIS Friday for our Women's Fellowship Night Out:
Christian Fellowship Friday, Jan. 31 at the Grill, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**
For more information, contact Kristen Skinner, Nancy Lifer, or Orly Hardin.

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.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

For Wednesday Friends & Family Dinner

THIS Wednesday, Jan. 29, 5:15-5:45 p.m.



THIS Wednesday's Dinner: Fried chicken tenders, baked potato, green beans, rolls, and banana pudding. 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. 29 must be received by tomorrow, Jan. 27, at NOON!*

FPC Officers

Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Will Martin, Clerk of Session

Elders Emeriti: James (Jim) Long and Dero Ramsey

Elders Serving on Our Session

Class of 2020

Carl Ivey
Jim Beaty
Peggy Johnson
Jeff Foster

Class of 2021

Wallace Cade
Jack Forbus
Will Martin
Cal Rackley

Class of 2022

Harry Bell
Scotty Crawford
Wesley Ferguson
Susan Gamel
Brien Henry

Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate

Class of 2020

Johnny Fair
Tabor Mullen
Jeremy Murdock
Kristen Skinner

Class of 2021

Glenda Clark
Jack Cook
Peyton Fandel
Robby Holditch

Class of 2022

Jack Atkins
Rebecca Banzhaf
Janet Bardwell
Lee Weiskopf



Starkville's Church

That Preaches the *Doctrines of Grace*

and

That is Part of the EPC –

A Global Movement of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches



Thank God for the Members of FPC's Youth Group Who Are in Confirmation Program this School Year, and Pray for the Holy Spirit's Guidance as Confirmation Students Begin Focusing on Their Personal Faith Professions Next Month.

JANUARY 26, 2020

The Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

Worship Service | 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School | 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Gathering | 10:30 a.m.

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.