

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)
MARCH 10, 2019
THE FIRST SUNDAY DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

PRELUDE *God So Loved the World* arr. Leatherman
 Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME Martin Lifer

***INTROIT** (11:00 – Chancel Choir, Dr. Craig Aarhus, Dir.)

CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 66 (selected verses) Ben Jackson

Minister: Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for Me?... He who makes a memorial offering of frankincense is like one who blesses an idol. These people have chosen their own ways, and their souls delight in their abominations. I also will choose harsh treatment for them and bring their fears upon them,"

ALL: "Because when I called, no one answered; when I spoke, they did not listen. But they did what was evil in my eyes and chose that in which I did not delight."

Minister: ... "But this is the one to whom I will look:"

ALL: "He who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word."

INVOCATION

***HYMN 234** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Martin Lifer (8:30); Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** from The (Westminster) Larger Catechism Qs. 29 & 30 Ben Jackson

Minister: What are the punishments for sin in the next world?

ALL: The punishments for sin in the next world include everlasting separation from the comforting presence of God and the horrible torment of soul and body in hell-fire without interruption – forever.

Minister: Does God leave the whole human race to die in sin and misery?

ALL: God does not leave the whole human race to die in the sin and misery that resulted from the breaking of the first covenant, ordinarily called the covenant of works. Solely from his love and mercy, God delivers his elect from sin and misery and brings them into salvation by means of the second covenant, ordinarily called the covenant of grace.

***RESPONSIVE HYMN 670 THE GLORIA PATRI**

***ANTHEM** (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *Wondrous Love*

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

* **RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING – GIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS**

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

OFFERTORY *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* 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 these devices!

Deacon of the Month: Joel Downey (8:30) Jason Ryder (11:00)

Today's Ushers: (8:30) – Bill Gamel; (11:00) – Billy Harrington, Jack Atkins

Today's Greeters: (8:30) – Susan Gamel; (11:00) – Brenda Harrington

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.

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 28:13; Luke 18:9-14
 (ESV Pew Bible pp. 549 & 877)

SERMON SERIES *PRAY IN PENITENCE, PEACE, PRAISE, PASSION & POWER*

TODAY'S SERMON *Sinner's Prayer* Martin Lifer

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

INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST

***HYMN 433** *I Surrender All* SURRENDER

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* TRADITIONAL

POSTLUDE Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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 (mwlfifer3@gmail.com).

Welcome Back Spring Women's Social
NEXT Tuesday Night, March 19, 5:30 p.m.

At Kristin Hubbard's home, 119 Canna Ave.

**All ladies, members and guests (college students and all generations) –
 Come join us for a fun evening of fellowship and food.**

We will serve a baked potato bar with chili.

Feel free to bring a sweet or dessert if you'd like (but not required).

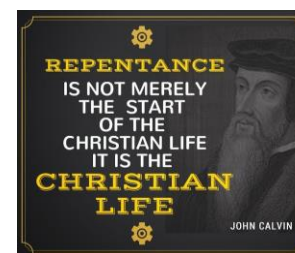
Childcare available: Please speak to Kristen Skinner, or call the church office – to let us know if you need help with childcare during the social.

Please call the church office if you have any questions.

TODAY'S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

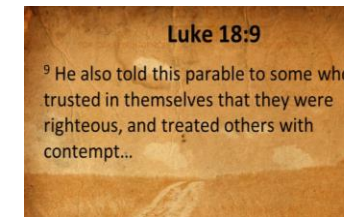
(1) "REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL!"

Jesus came into Galilee,
 proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying,
 "The time is fulfilled,
 and the kingdom of God is at hand;
 repent and believe in the gospel."
 (Mark 1:14-15, ESV)



(2) Jesus' WARNING to the Reprobates and the Religious Who Trust in Themselves: REPENT!

Sinners cannot find God for the same reason that criminals cannot find a policeman: They aren't looking!
 — Billy Sunday —



(3) The Parable and the Prayers of the Pharisee and the Publican.

(a) The Pharisee's "Thanksgiving Prayer."

(b) The Publican's Penitent Cry for Mercy.

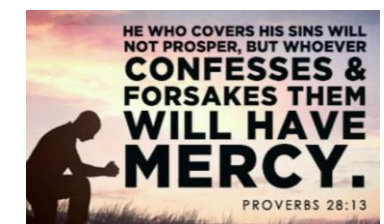
"I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other, for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:14

(4) Gospel Invitation: Pray Penitently – in God's Convicting, Cleansing, and Creative Spirit.

"... And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Matthew 6:12

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

Confession should be a daily activity for the Christian, whose entire pilgrimage is characterized by the spirit of repentance.
 —R.C. SPROUL—



Week of March 10, 2019

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)
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (Ed. Bldg)
TUESDAY:	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
	5:15 p.m.	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY:	5:15 p.m.	Dinner and visiting in the Fellowship Hall
	5:50 p.m.	Nursery, Children and Youth programs begin
	6:00 p.m.	Happy Spring Break! No F&F this week.
THURSDAY:	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
SATURDAY:	12:00 pm	Casserole Kitchen (Episcopal Church)
	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Christian Education Bldg.)

CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK
 March 12 – Loren Zimmerman March 14 – Bob Boyd

Prayer List

Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
 Paula Elliott
 Sylvia Love
 Ellen and Charlie Weatherly
 Danielle Gregory (friend of Bruce Leopold)
 Charles Atkinson
 Allison Jackson
 Marjorie Malone
 Paula and Carl Ivey
 Ross Collins
 Tom McElroy
 Billy and Brenda Harrington
 Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
 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
 Beverly Smitherman (Ellen Mauldin's cousin)
 Bobby Fleming (brother of Gloria Cade)
 Frances Knoll Waltman and Cissy Knoll Thomas (Libby Gill's sister and mother)
 David Skinner (Kyle Skinner's father)
 Frances Ellis and Brett Horton (Ellen Mauldin's sister and her brother Leslie's grandson)
 Diane Daniels, her sister, Delores Irvin, and Kevin McCauley, 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)
 Carl Ivey, Sr. (Dukedom, Kentucky); Anderson Ivey (Carl and Paula Ivey's grandson in Birmingham); and Traci Hardin (wife of a manager of the Iveys' Village Center Cycle)
 David Sanders (Friend of Loren Zimmerman)

Additional Prayer List for Health Care / Assisted Living

Bessie Montgomery – Montgomery Gardens
 Louise Haddigan – The Claiborne
 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

FPC Officers

The Session and Diaconate meet monthly.
 Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Bob Daniels, Clerk of Session
 Elders Emeriti: James (Jim) Long and Dero Ramsey

Elders Serving on Our Session

Class of 2019

Dolph Bryan
 Harold Clark
 Cecelia Cook
 Bob Daniels
 Orly Hardin
 Edward Kemp

Class of 2020

Carl Ivey
 Jim Beaty
 Peggy Johnson
 Jeff Foster

Class of 2021

Wallace Cade
 Jack Forbus
 Will Martin
 Cal Rackley

Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate

Class of 2019

Peggy Branch
 Vivian Cade
 Joel Downey
 Jason Ryder
Class of 2020
 Tabor Mullen
 Kristen Skinner
 Johnny Fair
 Jeremy Murdock

Class of 2021

Glenda Clark
 Jack Cook
 Peyton Fandel
 Robby Holditch

Officer-Leaders of Ministry Teams

Please speak to these leaders today to learn more about the following ministry teams:

Bob Daniels	Administrative Team
Will Martin	Education Team
Jack Forbus	Outreach and Missions Team
Orly Hardin	Shepherding Team
Cecelia Cook	Worship Team

FPC Starkville (EPC) Women's Ministry

Janice Kinard, Moderator

Mission for March: Aretta Zitta - Young Life/Club Beyond Ministry

Circle Meetings - 2nd week of each month (7:00 pm Circle meets 3rd Mon.)

Lesson: Week 5, The Messiah

Sunday, 3/10 – Parlor, 8 am, Leader Lynda Forbus *SPRING UP* - Time changes
 Monday, 3/11 – Parlor, 1:30 pm, Leader Sara Wilson
 Wednesday, 3/13 – 6 pm – Parlor, Leader: Vivian Cade (Note: Changed from Tuesday)
 Monday, 3/18 – 7 pm, Location TBA Leader: Amy Weiskopf

FPC Starkville (EPC) Men's Ministry

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

Happy Spring Break!

No Friends and Family Meal or Wednesday Night activities this week, March 13, 2019.



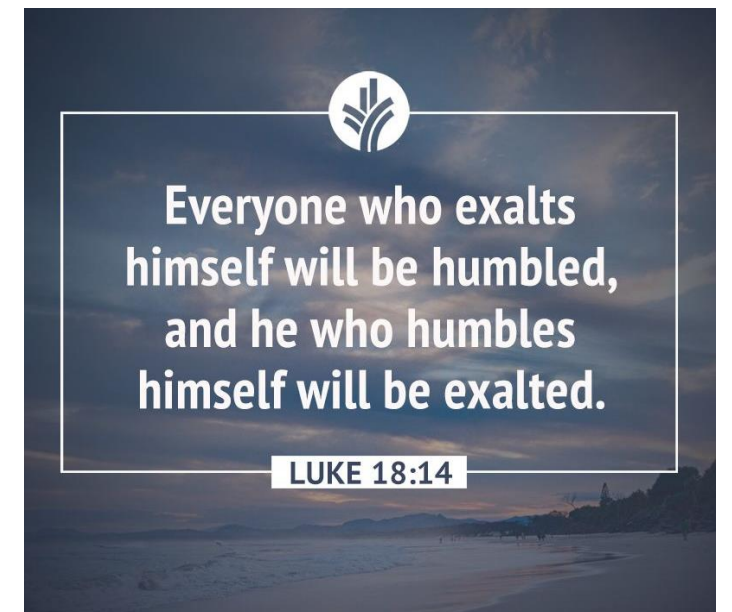
If you are interested in being part of our October 2019 Mission Trip to Visit Scotland and the Free Church of Scotland congregations we are helping God to plant in Haddington and Dundee, and if you have not yet spoken to Jack Forbus or to Dr. Lifer as we begin to make our arrangements – then please speak to one of them,... or leave a message this week with Rita Usher, Dr. Lifer's Pastoral Secretary.

Departure Date for the Mission Team is to be Friday, October 11 (arriving in Edinburgh Saturday, October 12). Group members will have the option of returning either the weekend of October 18 or the weekend of October 25 (when Jack Forbus and Pastor Lifer will be returning, following the UKP Conference and Tour).



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 That Preaches the *Doctrines of Grace*
 and**

**That is Part of the EPC –
 A Global Movement of Evangelical Christians.**



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