

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)**  
**MARCH 24, 2019**  
*THE THIRD SUNDAY DURING THE SEASON OF LENT*

**PRELUDE** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* arr. Mansfield  
 Jennifer Blackburn, organ

**WELCOME** Martin Lifer

\***INTROIT** (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

**CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST'S NAME**

**Responsive Litany** from Psalm 66:1-2 & 66:4 Ben Jackson  
 Minister: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!  
**ALL: Sing the glory of his Name! Give glorious praise to Him!**  
 Minister: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You.  
**ALL: They sing praises to your Name.**

**INVOCATION**

\***HYMN 11** *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**GOOD NEWS FROM FATHER'S CHILD MINISTRY** (11:00) Edward Yeates

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE, PENITENCE & 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.

**TRUSTING IN AND PRAISING OUR GRACIOUS GOD**

\***RESPONSIVE HYMN 133** *Shout to the Lord* SHOUT TO THE LORD

**FPC'S YOUNGER-CHILDREN'S CHOIR** (11:00 – Kathy McGill, Dir.) *Oh Be Careful*

**PRAYER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN** Martin Lifer (8:30); Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

\***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** from The (Westminster) Larger Catechism Q. 1

Minister: What is the primary and highest purpose of man?  
**ALL: The primary and highest purpose of human beings is to glorify God and to enjoy Him completely forever.**

\***HYMN 670** *Glory Be to the Father*

**LENTEN ANTHEM** (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *Contemplation of the Cross*

\* **HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

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

\***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

**OFFERTORY** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* arr. Ham  
 Jennifer Blackburn, piano

\**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:** Vivian Cade

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

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

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY**



**MARCH 31 (BEFORE CLOSE OF 11 A.M. SERVICE).** All FPC members are asked to attend – and all guest are invited to – FPC's Annual Congregational Meeting before the close of the March 31 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, for reports on:

- The 2019 Budget and Ministry Plans, with approval of related adjustments to staff (including pastoral and other staff) compensation and other ministry allocations;
- FPC Strategic Planning, including pending improvements to current facilities to enhance Children, Youth & Adult Education, as well as Fellowship Space.
- FPC's Outreach and other ministries.

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 63:1-4; Matthew 6:9; Hebrews 13:12-15  
 (ESV Pew Bible pp. 479, 811 & 1010)

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

**TODAY'S SERMON** *"From Duty to Delight,"*  
*Pray in His Light:*  
**Raise the Praise!** Martin Lifer

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

**INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST**

\***HYMN 336** *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

\***BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** *Amen* TRADITIONAL

**POSTLUDE** *Praise and Glory* arr. Schram  
 Jennifer Blackburn, piano

\**The congregation is invited to stand.*

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the **Glory of God** by **Ellen Mauldin** in *Honor/Memory of the Love, Robinson, Drane and Mauldin families.*

**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 (mwlfier3@gmail.com).

**FPC Parents, Children & Youth–**

Learn during Sunday School and our 11:00 a.m. Service **NEXT Sunday, March 31**, about

**MVP Presbyterian Summer Camp Week for Children and Youth**  
 - July 22-27 - for **Children and Youth from EPC and ARP congregations** at the *Rising Son Camp* Facilities at French Camp, MS.



All families and others interested in a Christian Camp option for children and Youth: **NEXT Sunday**, we will hear about MVP Camp from **Steven Ewing, Youth Director at New Albany Presbyterian Church**. This is a Presbyterian Children's and Youth Camp at (French Camp's) *Camp of the Rising Son* facility that includes leaders from our own EPC South Central Presbytery and will be held July 22-27. Mr. Ewing hopes to visit and speak to our SOS-age, Youth, and New Covenant Sunday School groups during Sunday School time, will be available during the Fellowship Gathering, and will speak at our the 11:00 a.m. service.

**TODAY'S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES**

*For Those Who Don't Sing Much Anymore –*  
*And when the "A" of A-C-T-S become perfunctory, a checked box, a duty –*

**A Word ... and his Spirit.** *"From Duty to Delight"*

*Our highest purpose, chief end: To \_\_\_\_\_ God, and fully to \_\_\_\_\_ Him forever.*

**(1) David – the Man after God's Own Heart – Praised God Passionately:**

*Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live: in your Name I will lift up my hands.* Psalm 63:3-4

**(2) Turn to the Light: Praise Puts All Other Parts of Our Prayers and Our Lives into Perspective.**

*"Our Father in Heaven –*

(a) Repentance [Whom or what do I really adore?]

Jesus' Parable of the Pharisee and Publican (Luke 18:9-14)

(b) Petition

(c) Intercession

*"Our Father in Heaven – Hallowed be your Name."*

**(3) Powerful Praise and Prayers – in Him, with Him & through Him: in His Name.**

**Through Him, then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God: that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.** Hebrews 13:15

**And Jesus said to them, "Yes, have you never read: "Out of the mouth of infants and babies You have prepared praise?"**" Matthew 21:16b

**Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think – according to the power at work within us – to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.** Ephesians 3:20-21

**DOXOLOGY**

**Now to Him Who Him Who is able to keep you [\_\_\_\_\_] from stumbling and to present you [\_\_\_\_\_] blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy – to the only God, our Savior – through Jesus Christ our Lord be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time, now and forever. Amen.** Jude 24-25

**Week of March 24, 2019**

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	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
<b>MONDAY:</b>	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (Ed. Bldg)
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
	5:15 p.m.	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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.	Men's and Women's Bible studies
	6:00 p.m.	Dr. Lifer's <i>In Jesus' Footsteps</i> Bible Study for Men & Women
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	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 26 – Rex Buffington    March 28 – Richard and Jennifer Blackburn

**TEJERAS MEAL SPONSORS** (Mission meal for children in Tejeras, Honduras)

March 27 – By Ellen Mauldin - in honor of John Michael Easterling (Ellen's great grandson).

**Prayer List**

Bruce Leopold; Danielle Gregory (friend of Bruce Leopold)  
 Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware  
 Paula Elliott  
 Sylvia Love  
 Ellen and Charlie Weatherly  
 Charles Atkinson  
 Allison Jackson  
 Marjorie Malone  
 Paula and Carl Ivey  
 Ross Collins  
 Tom McElroy  
 Billy and Brenda Harrington  
 Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell  
 Dylan Walker (Jean Alice McDavid's great-nephew)  
 Bob and Dot Forbus, and Raleigh Wood (brother, sister-in-law, and friend of Jack Forbus) Thomas  
 Guest (grandson of Charlie & Ruby 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  
 Mary Jo Wallace – The Blake at Flowood

**University Ministry**

On Mondays, Ben and Allison Jackson host a CCO/FPC meal to students in their home. Church members are invited not only to help with food but to eat and mingle with everyone.

If you would like to join in some way, please speak to or email Allison or Ben ([allidjackson@gmail.com](mailto:allidjackson@gmail.com), [bjackson@ccojubilee.org](mailto:bjackson@ccojubilee.org)).

**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

<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

**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.)

**FPC Starkville (EPC) Men's Ministry**

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

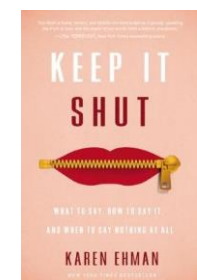
**Men- Please join us for our 1<sup>st</sup> Men's Ministry Quarterly Lunch**

Friday, April 5, noon to 1 pm, Fellowship Hall, Lunch provided - \$10 per person  
 Short devotion, committee presentation,  
 and further discussion on electing a Vice President for this group.  
 Please **RSVP** to Will Rackley or the Church Office.

**Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner**

**Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m.**

THIS Wednesday's Dinner: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Lima Beans, Rolls, Cream Cheese 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 by Monday, at NOON!*



**New Women's Study – Wednesday Nights**

Ladies, Join us in the Parlor!

*Keep It Shut: What to Say, How to Say It, and When to Say Nothing at All*

Karen Ehman addresses women and words with a kind, encouraging, and sometimes funny delivery. She explores what the Bible says about when to speak, when to remain silent.

Please see Nancy Lifer or call the church office if you have any questions.

**Hey Kids! Join us for our**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 20, 10 am, Fellowship Hall

Bring your baskets to hunt eggs, enjoy snacks, and have fun with friends!



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 – please speak to one of them, ... or leave a message this week with Rita Usher, 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).



**Starkville's Church**  
**That Preaches the Doctrines of Grace**  
**and**  
**That is Part of the EPC –**  
**A Global Movement of Evangelical Christians.**



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**THE THIRD SUNDAY DURING THE SEASON OF LENT**

**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**

**Mon. - Friday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. & 1:00-4:30 p.m.**