

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)
 CELEBRATING OUR 198TH ANNIVERSARY ON THE
 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SEASON
 [ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY]
MAY 5, 2019

PRELUDE Michelle Rackley (8:30)
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, arr. F. Ritter Marquita Beaty (11:00)

WELCOME Martin Lifer

CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST'S NAME

***Responsive Litany** from Hebrews 13:7-8 Ben Jackson
 Minister: Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you God's word.
ALL: Let us consider the outcome of their way of life, and let us imitate their faith.
 Minister: For Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION & PRAISE** Ben Jackson
***HYMN 594** *Faith of Our Fathers* St. Catherine

SHARING GOD'S WORD WITH YOUNG CHILDREN Martin Lifer (8:30) Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** – from *The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 35* Ben Jackson
 Minister: Why does Jesus call and commission his church – and why does Jesus commend and compel every one of us, all members of local congregations such as ours – to be engaged in his mission to evangelize all of the world?
ALL: Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the Gospel, and – since in the divinely established and ordinary means of grace -- faith comes by hearing the word of God, Christ has commissioned his church to go into the world and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the kingdom of Christ throughout the whole world.

***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.

THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE
*** HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING: GOD'S TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY Michelle Rackley (8:30)
Be Thou My Vision, arr. B. Logan Marquita Beaty (11:00)

**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!

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 (mwlfir3@gmail.com).

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:2; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:14-15; 2 Corinthians 9:10-15
 (ESV Pew Bible pp.8; 909; 946; 968)

SERMON *Why We Are Here, And Your Share in God's Blessings* Martin Lifer

RESPONSIVE SONG (Reid Roberson) *For the Cause* Getty & Getty

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

***HYMN 356** *We've a Story to Tell* Message

***COMMISSION AND BEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Michelle Rackley (8:30)
Thine is the Glory, arr M. Hayes Marquita Beaty (11:00)

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

The Sanctuary Flowers for today's worship are given to the **Glory of God** by members of our FPC congregation to enhance our worship of God this Lord's Day.

Deacons of the Month: Joel Downey and Jason Ryder
Today's Ushers: (8:30) – Levette Johnson; (11:00) – Sonny Stuart, Wallace Cade
Today's Greeters: (8:30) – Peggy Johnson; (11:00) – Patsy Stuart, Gloria Cade



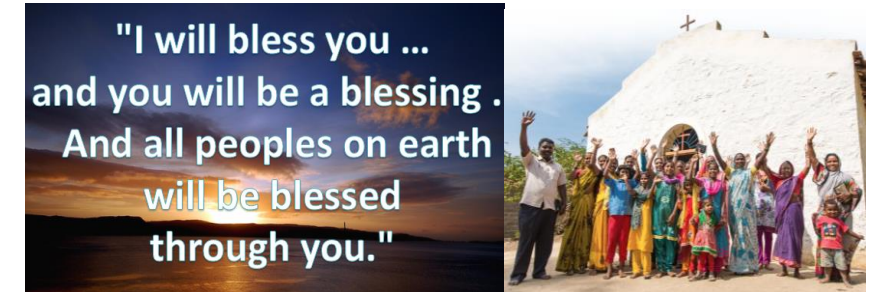
Join us at 10:30 a.m. on the Eastside Brezeway & Courtyards
for our
198th Anniversary Celebration
Fellowship Brunch –
 hosted by the FPC Fellowship Ministry Team.

TODAY'S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

1. Our Heritage and Mission DNA at FPC Starkville.



2. The Gospel Call and Commission for Christ's Church.



3. The Mission Imperative for Each Congregation and Each Believer & Household.

4. God's Covenant Blessings for You through His Harvest Principles of Grace.

2 Corinthians 9:11-15

You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!



Week of May 6, 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)
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
THURSDAY:	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
SATURDAY:	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Christian Education Bldg.)

CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK

May 7 – Rebecca Banzhaf May 9 – Ross Collins

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

May 8 – By Ellen Mauldin - in honor of Jack Mauldin (Ellen's great grandson).

Prayer List

Harold Clark
 Boswell Kennard
 Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
 Philip and Darinda Gruchy
 Charlie Guest
 Bruce Leopold; Danielle Gregory (friend of Bruce Leopold)
 Paula Elliott
 Sylvia Love
 Charles Atkinson
 Allison Jackson
 Marjorie Malone
 Ross Collins
 Billy and Brenda Harrington
 Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
 Carl Ivey, Sr. (Dukedom, Kentucky); Michael Belcher (Friend of the Iveys)
 Betty Randle Freeman (Russ Randle's sister)
 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, Frances Ellis and Brett Horton (Ellen Mauldin's cousin, Ellen's sister, and her brother Leslie's grandson)
 Bobby Fleming (brother of Gloria Cade)
 David Skinner (Kyle Skinner's father)
 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)
 Frances Knoll Waltman and Cissy Knoll Thomas (Libby Gill's sister and mother)
 Dylan Walker (Jean Alice McDavid's great-nephew)

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

The ReStore is Open!

206 S. Jackson St., Phone: 324-7008

Starkville Habitat for Humanity is now accepting donations of new and gently used furniture, building supplies, home goods and appliances at their ReStore. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday, between 9:00 am and 2:00



pm. Please call before bringing donated items. For select donations, schedule a pickup by calling 662-324-7008. Donations to the ReStore are tax deductible. All proceeds made at the ReStore go directly to new construction of Habitat homes in Starkville.

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

FPC Starkville (EPC) Women's Ministry

Janice Kinard, Moderator

Coordinating Team: Tuesday, **5/7/2019**, @ noon, Church Office, Major Johnson Room
Mission for the month – Starkville Pregnancy Center

Circles meetings & Leaders

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

Lesson: Week 7, The Letters & Discussion

Sunday, 5/12 – Parlor, 8 am, Leader Lynda Forbus
 Monday, 5/13 – Parlor, 1:30 pm, Leader Sara Wilson
 Tuesday, 5/14 – 6 pm – Vivian Cade, Leader; home of Jane Vemer, 102 S Rosebud Lane
 Monday, 5/20 – 7 pm, Amy Weiskopf Leader – Location TBA

FPC Starkville (EPC) Men's Ministry

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

Children's & Youth Ministry News: VBS will be Coming June 10-13; Registration Opens on FPC Website this week!

Our Vacation Bible School Program (VBS) this year will be June 10-13, Monday-Thursday, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Children ages 4 years old to 6th grade are welcome! Come join us as we learn about how life is wild, but God is good!



MVP Presbyterian Summer Camp Week for FPC's Children and Youth July 22-27



Children and Youth from EPC and ARP congregations will be at the *Rising Son* Camp Facilities at French Camp, MS.

This is **THE** summer camp FPC now sponsors and recommends to **members**. With leadership that includes pastors from our Central South Presbytery, the MVP Camp clearly conveys God's Word to our children AND is lots of fun!!! Parents & Families: If you have not yet registered, but are interested in your child attending, then please contact Pastor Lifer, Ashleigh Murdock, or the church office as soon as possible.



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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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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 MAY 5, 2019**

Worship Service | 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School | 9:45 – 10:20 a.m.

Fellowship Brunch (East Breezeways & Courtyard) | 10:20 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.