

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY		
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)		
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SEASON		
MAY 19, 2019		
PRELUDE	Chorale Prelude	Pachelbel Jennifer Blackburn, organ
WELCOME		Martin Lifer
INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir, Dr. Craig Aarhus Dir.)		
CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST’S NAME		
*Responsive Litany	from Psalm 100:3-5	Ben Jackson
Minister: Know that the LORD – He is God! ALL: It is He Who made us, and we are his. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! ALL: Give thanks to Him; bless his! Minister: For the Lord is good. ALL: His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.		
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION & PRAISE		
*HYMN 40	(vv. 1-4) All People that on Earth Do Dwell	OLD 100TH
ANTHEM (11:00 – Chancel Choir) Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy		
PRAYERS OF PRAISE, PENITENCE & PETITION		
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; AND INVITATION FOR YOUNG CHILDREN TO GATHER		
HYMN 652	(vv. 1-2) Jesus Loves Me	CHINA
GOD’S WORD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN		
Martin Lifer (8:30) Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)		
*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH – from The (Westminster) Larger Catechism, Q. 51		
Minister: How is Christ exalted? ALL: Christ’s exaltation in His resurrection began with his body not decaying, since it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. On the third day, he rose again from the dead by His own power and in the very same body with all its essential qualities in which He had suffered (but it was not subject to death and the other infirmities associated with this life), and it was truly united to His soul. By His resurrection, He plainly declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have conquered death as well as him who holds the power of death, and to be Lord of the living and the dead. He did all this as a general representative of humanity as head of His church in order to justify believers, make them alive in his grace, support them against their enemies, and assure them that they too will be resurrected from the dead at the las day..		
* HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY		
*OFFERING: GOD’S TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	Fairest Lord 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!

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

We continue to thank God for and to celebrate the birth of:  
- **Elizabeth Ella & Abigail Fountain** - born Easter week – the first children & twin daughters born to Andrew and Elizabeth Fountain; and  
- **Blythe Rivers Blackburn** - born May 7 - first daughter born to Forrest and Andrea Blackburn,... and first baby grandchild born to Richard and Jennifer Blackburn!

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED		
SCRIPTURE		Acts 17:22-34 (ESV Pew Bible p. 926-927)
SERMON	Compelled to Speak His Name, Truth, and Judgment From Mars Hill to Capitol Hill to Our Hill	Martin Lifer
INVITATION TO TRUST AND FOLLOW JESUS		
CALLED, BLESSED AND SENT AS WITNESSES OF GOD’S WORD		
*HYMN 368	I’ll Tell the World that I’m a Christian	TUCKER
*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION		Martin Lifer
*POSTLUDE	Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	Haydn Jennifer Blackburn, organ

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**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

### 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 (mwlifer3@gmail.com).

### Children’s & Youth Ministry News:

#### VBS will be Coming June 10-13

#### Registration is Open on FPC Website now!

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 rising 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.

TODAY’S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES	
<i>I do solemnly swear, ... <b>so help me God.</b></i> <i>... do solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God.</i>	
Issues of Swearing and Whether There Is an Ultimate Judge & Ultimate Judgment –	
“But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. .... Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.” Matthew 5:34,37	
For when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, “ <b><i>Surely I will bless you and multiply you</i></b> ” Hebrews 6:13-14	
Issue of Truth -	
Then Pilate said to Him, “ <i>So you are a king?</i> ” Jesus answered, “ <i>You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world: to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.</i> ” Pilate said to Him, “ <i>What is truth?</i> ” John 18:37-38a	
Thomas said to Him, “ <i>Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?</i> ” Jesus said to him, “ <b><i>I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.</i></b> ” John 14:5-6	
Then He [the Risen Jesus] said to Thomas, “ <i>Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.</i> ” Thomas answered Him, “ <b><i>My Lord, and my God!</i></b> ” John 20:27-28	
Compelled to Speak His Name, Truth, and Judgment From Mars Hill to Capitol Hill to Our Hill	
Acts 17:22-34 – Paul Compelled to Speak the Lord’s Name, Truth, and Judgment	
“ <i>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a Man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.</i> ” Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.”	
The Specificity & Finality of Jesus’ Resurrection Causes Many to Object	
... but Compels a Response and Sets a Final Judgment Standard for Everyone	
Be faithful on Mars Hill	
Capitol Hill	
Our Hill	
Your Home	



Week of May 19, 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)
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
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.)

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CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK		
May 21 – Paula Ivey		May 23 – Richard and Jennifer Blackburn

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We offer *prayers of thanksgiving* for the family of **Rev. and Mrs. Steve and Sharon Davis** upon the marriage of their son, **Jacob Davis to Katherine Bain** earlier this month.

**Forrest Foxworth** - will graduate and be awarded a Master of Divinity Degree this Saturday, May 18, by Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Jacksonville Campus, GCTS).

**Randell Foxworth** - has been awarded (as of May 20) the rank of Professor Emeritus of Health and Kinesiology in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences of the Mississippi University for Women.

### Prayer List

Sean and Morgan Clark Schnurr & Family  
Boswell Kennard  
Marjorie Malone  
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  
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  
Leslie Drane, Frances Ellis (Ellen's brother and sister)  
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

### 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

### 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

Monday, 5/20 – 7 pm, Amy Weiskopf Leader – Location TBA

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

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



Thank you to Anita Reynolds and Jane Bobbitt for adopting the church campus landscape bed between Fellowship Hall and Church Office. **Anyone interested in adopting a church landscape bed may contact Peggy Branch.**



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



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 19, 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.**

***Visit Our Website for Sermon Podcasts & Ministry News***  
**www.fpcstarkville.org**

### Church Office

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**Office Hours**

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

For the Safety and Security of our Members and Guests,  
these premises are monitored by  
24-hour video surveillance.