

LORD’S DAY SERVICE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE

ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

PRELUDE

Heaven

arr. Schram
Jennifer Blackbourn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO OUR SEASON OF *JOYFUL PROMISE*

Martin Lifer
Glenda Clark

CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST’S NAME

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

*Responsive Reading - from Hebrews 12:1-2a

Ben Jackson

Minister: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
ALL: Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin – which so clings so closely, – and let us run with endurance the race that is set out before us,
Minister: Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

*INVOCATION AND PRAYERS GIVING THANKS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT IN THE PAST YEAR,

Martin Lifer

*INCLUDING FPC ACTIVE MEMBERS - THELMA GENTRY, LOUISE NANTS HADDIGAN, AND CHARLES LELAND ATKINSON. **

*HYMN 595

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

GOD’S WORD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Kirk Kinard

* AFFIRMING OUR FAITH from The Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch'pt. 11

Reid Roberson

Minister: What is the only means of justification before God?
ALL: Faith – thus receiving and resting upon Christ and his righteousness – is the only means of justification.
In the person justified, however, it is always accompanied by all the other saving graces and is not a dead faith, but works by love.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 670 - THE *GLORIA PATRI*

ANTHEM (11:00 -Chancel Choir)

We are the Lord’s

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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.

SILENT PRAYERS

GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S GRACE

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 THE *DOXOLOGY*

*GIVING TO GOD: HIS TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Martin Lifer

OFFERTORY

I Am Thine, O Lord

arr. McDonald
Jennifer Blackbourn

**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: Glenda Clark

Today’s Ushers: (8:30) Charlie Guest, (11:00) Albert Clark, Wallace Cade

Today’s Greeters: (8:30) Rubye Guest, (11:00) Gloria Cade, Ernie George

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.

* We also give thanks to God for the call the Church Triumphant in the past year for the following loved ones:: Mary Rackley, Perry Rackley and Cecelia Cook’s mother; John Lewis Folsom, Sr., Johnny Folsom’s father and Amy Aarhus’ grandfather; Bobby Sojourner, Catherine Fandel’s grandmother; James Ray Wood, Scottie Knight’s brother; Roland Parker (Butch) Guest, Charlie Guest’s brother; Gloria Lee Cade, Wallace Cade’s aunt

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Mark 3:6-21, 31-35
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 838)

SERMON SERIES ON MARK: Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

TODAY’S SERMON A New Community: Joe Nasvytis

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

*HYMN 547 We Are an Offering OFFERING

*BENEDICTION Joe Nasvytis

CHORAL RESPONSE Amen

*POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arr. Purifoy
Jennifer Blackbourn

**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.

If you would like to learn more about growing in faith in Jesus Christ, about church membership and/or about ways you can learn and serve at FPC – then **please speak to Pastor Lifer or Assistant Pastor Nasytis** today, or call Pastor Lifer this week at the church office. You may also send a message to Pastor Lifer via **email (mwlifer3@gmail.com)**.

Members & Guests:
Join Us Next Sunday for Our
Joyful Promise
Thanksgiving
Stewardship Season
Celebration Luncheon!

All members and guests of FPC are invited to our Stewardship Luncheon, next Sunday, November 10, beginning at 12:15 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

TODAY’S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

1. Since Jesus’ words and deeds authenticate His _____, we can humbly _____ others to follow Jesus with us.

The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him. Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." And he strictly ordered them not to make him known. (Mk. 3:6-12)

2. Since Jesus implants His _____ and _____ in His disciples, we can confidently learn from and _____ Jesus in community.

I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. (Matt.11:25–26)

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. (2Cor. 5:16)

God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things--and the things that are not--to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. (1Cor. 1:27-29)

Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons. (Mark 3:13-14)

I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Matt. 19:28)

Four characteristics of Jesus’ disciples:

a. Jesus’ disciples are _____ by God’s grace.

For [God] chose us in [Christ] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In loved he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. (Eph. 1:4-5)

b. Jesus’ disciples are _____ and doing what Jesus did.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

Your love is better than life...My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods...You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing...He fulfills the desires of those who fear him. (Ps. 63:3, 5; 145:16, 19)

c. Jesus’ disciples are ministering out of _____ with Him.

d. Jesus’ disciples are called into a _____.

3. Since Christ followers are part of God’s family, we need to understand the implications and _____ of being a family member.

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind...And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.” “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.” (Mark 3:21-22, 31-35)

Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (Matt. 7:21)


Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. (Heb. 2:11)

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 (120 Jackson St.)
TUESDAY:	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Parlor)
WEDNESDAY:	5:15 p.m.	Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	5:50 p.m.	Nursery, Children and Youth programs begin
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Study, <i>Emotionally Healthy Spirituality</i> (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice

THIS Wednesday's Dinner: Ham, Field Peas, Macaroni & Cheese, Cornbread, Red Velvet 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!**

Paula Elliott
 Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
 John Clark Packer
 Mae Glass (Vivien Miller's mother)
 Jimmie Brown
 Betty Latimer
 Roxene Atkinson
 Randell Foxworth
 Marjorie Malone
 Billy and Brenda Harrington
 Scott Guest and Thomas Guest (son & grandson of Charlie & Rubye Guest)
 Joe and Carol Mobley
 Sean and Morgan Clark Schnurr & Family
 Bruce Leopold, Danielle Gregory (friend of Bruce Leopold)
 Sylvia Love
 Sherry Siler (Bryn Taylor's sister)
 Ross Collins, Madison Collins (son of Ross and Margaret Collins)
 Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
 Cindy Stewart (friend of George and Jane Verner)
 Aspen Reynolds (Anita Reynold's granddaughter)
 Teresa Miller (Amy Harrison's mom)
 Carl Ivey, Sr. (Dukedom, Kentucky), Michael Belcher (friend 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, her sister, Delores Irvin, 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)

Bessie Montgomery – Montgomery Gardens
 Cattie Taylor – Beehive, Starkville
 Jane Lusk – The Claiborne
 Jetta Kuykendall – The Grove, Columbia
 Frances Oakley – Sunnysbrook 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



JOYFUL PROMISE

to serve God

MINISTRY COMMITMENT

NAME _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

I joyfully promise to serve the Lord with gladness in ways I am confirming on the other side of this Joyful Promise Card.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

Psalms 100:1-2a

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