

LORD’S DAY SERVICE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE		
<i>JOYFUL PROMISE</i> Sunday #4 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2019		
PRELUDE	<i>Thanksgiving and Praise</i>	arr. Ham Jennifer Blackburn
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Martin Lifer
CALL TO WORSHIP ON CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY		
INTROIT (11:00 a.m. – Chancel Choir, Dr. Craig Aarhus Directing)		
* Responsive Reading - <i>from</i> Psalm 24:7-9 and Psalm 98:4,7-9 Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, so that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? ALL: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, so that the King of glory may come in. Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! ALL: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.		
*OPENING PRAYER		Joe Nasvytis
*HYMN 181	<i>Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come</i>	ANTIOCH
GOOD NEWS IN OUR SEASON OF <i>JOYFUL PROMISE</i>		
ANTHEM (11:00 - Chancel Choir)	<i>We Gather Together</i>	arr. Aarons
PRAYER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN (Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Gift Boxes)		Amy Aarhus Ashleigh Murdock and Martin Lifer
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – <i>from</i> The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 8 Reid Roberson ALL: In his eternal purpose it pleased God to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the mediator between God and man. Jesus is the prophet, priest, and king – the head and savior of his church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world. From all eternity God gave Him a people to be his seed and to be in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified by Him.		
*HYMN OF RESPONSE 670 - THE <i>GLORIA PATRI</i>		
GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED		
SCRIPTURE	Malachi 4:2-4; Mark 5:21-43 <small>(ESV Pew Bible pp. 803 & 840-41)</small>	
SERMON SERIES ON MARK:	<i>Who Do You Say Jesus Is?</i>	
TODAY’S SERMON	<i>The Sun of Righteousness with Healing in His Wings;</i> The King of Kings Who Saves Each of His Own from Death to Life	
		Martin Lifer

**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.

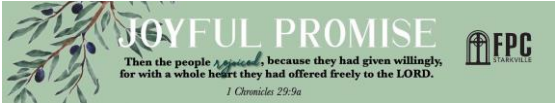



If you would like to learn more about growing in faith in Jesus Christ, about church membership and/or about ways you can learn and serve at FPC – then **please speak to Pastor Lifer or Assistant Pastor Nasytis** today, or call Pastor Lifer this week at the church office. You may also send a message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

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: Jack Cook
Today’s Ushers: (8:30) Charlie Guest, (11:00) Albert Clark, Lee Weiskopf
Today’s Greeters: (8:30) Rubye Guest, (11:00) Ernie George, Amy Weiskopf

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.**

		
A Reminder and Request to FPC Members on This <i>JOYFUL PROMISE</i> Sunday #4		
If you were not able to do so on November 3rd, 10th, or 17th, please complete & submit TODAY your <i>JOYFUL PROMISE</i> Pledge Cards for 2020!		
		

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD AS HIS <i>JOYFUL</i> STEWARDS		
PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION FOR INSPIRATION FOR <i>FAITHFUL & JOYFUL PROMISES</i>		
THE LORD’S PRAYER (<i>Unison</i>) 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.		
*HYMN 639	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	NUN DANKET
GIVING TO GOD: HIS TITHE, OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS AND OUR <i>JOYFUL PROMISES</i>		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Joe Nasvytis
OFFERTORY	<i>This Is My Father’s World</i>	arr. Thallander Jennifer Blackburn
CALLED, BLESSED AND SENT AS <i>JOYFUL</i> WITNESSES OF GOD’S WORD		
*HYMN 668	<i>THE DOXOLOGY</i>	Old Hundredth
*BENEDICTION		Martin Lifer
CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Amen</i>	Traditional
*POSTLUDE	<i>Chorale Postlude</i>	Bach/arr. Lorenz Jennifer Blackburn

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+Freewill Monthly Offering as Extra Giving Support to FPC for Local Mission & Benevolence: We invite you to place in one of the baskets at the front of the Chancel – ***during the closing hymn or following the service*** – a Local Missions & Benevolence Support Special Offering. This offering is given after we *first* bring God's tithe (totally an undesignated—by-man offering) and other regular offerings. The Freewill Monthly Offering is used to **supplement FPC’s local benevolence mission support and mission ministries.**

TODAY’S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES
INTRODUCTION: WHEN WE COME TO THE END OF OURSELVES IN A BROKEN WORLD

Parents who cannot save a dying child –

Dealing with the travail of chronic illness and/or financial ruin and being a pariah -

THE ONE TRUE GOD & KING WHO COMES TO *HEAL & SAVE* EACH OF HIS CHILDREN:
The Sun of Righteousness with Healing in His Wings;
The King of Kings Who Saves Each of His Own from Death to Life

“But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his _____. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture.” Malachi 4:2

“Hail the Heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with healing in His wings.” [from the 3rd verse of “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”]

Another Key to Reading Mark’s Gospel
Remember: Mark writes/recounts arranging in concentric circles.

A number of times in his gospel account, Mark uses interpretative intercalation – **with two parts of a framing story highlighting a dominant *inclusio* in the middle:**
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*This is often referred to as the **Markan Sandwiches**, because the defining _____ is in the _____.*

Mark 5:21-43 is a Markan _____. Don’t miss the _____ in the middle!...
and don’t miss what happens in the middle informs the framing story, including it’s conclusion.

Mark 5:21-43 – The King Who Graciously Saves/Heals Two Daughters

Similarities & Differences
Jairus and his 12-year-old daughter ***Woman with 12-year discharge of blood***

Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and **implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.”** And He went with him. And a great crowd followed Him and thronged about Him. [vv. 22-24]

She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, **“If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.”** And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. [vv.27-29]

But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, **came in fear and trembling and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, “**Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.**”** [vv.33-34]

But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, **“**Do not fear, only believe.**”** And He allowed no one to follow him **except Peter and James and John** the brother of James. [vv.36-37]

And they laughed at Him. But He put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with Him and went in where the child was. Taking the child by the hand, He said to her, **“*Talitha kum!*”** (which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And He strictly charged them that no one should know this, **and told them to give her something to eat.** [vv.40-43]

And wherever He came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored Him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well. Mark 6:56

The Sun of Righteousness with Healing in His Wings;
The King of Kings Who Saves Each of His Own from Death to Life

Week of November 24, 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 (120 Jackson St.)
TUESDAY:	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Parlor)
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice

Prayer List

Boswell Kennard
Greta Bryan
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 Vemer)
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)

Additional Prayer List for Health Care / Assisted Living

Bessie Montgomery – Montgomery Gardens
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
Carolyn Wofford – Heritage at Irene Wood, Memphis, Tennessee

FPC Starkville (EPC) Men's Ministry

Will Rackley, President, Charlie Weatherly, Treasurer

FPC Starkville (EPC) Women's Ministry

Janice Kinard, Moderator

Mission for the month – Child of the Church Missionaries (2 candidates)

Women, join us this coming spring semester (beginning January 15) as we study together on Wednesday nights during the Friends and Family program. We will begin the semester with Priscilla Shirer's 5-session study *Breathe*, embracing the concept of Sabbath and how it can change our lives! Please sign up through the church office or contact Orly Hardin to order your study journal.



ALL ADULTS, COLLEGE STUDENTS, AND YOUTH –
Join us **TODAY**, as part of our *JOYFUL PROMISE* Sunday #4 Celebration,
9:45-10:30 A.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

for our **PLENARY SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION:**
Good News from **FPC's MISSION TO SCOTLAND**
AND WITH
THE UNITED KINGDOM PARTNERSHIP TO RENEW GOSPEL MINISTRY AND CHURCHES IN THE U.K.

Hear from our October Mission Team.
Learn what we did this fall for God's Kingdom Mission
and what's next in our *JOYFUL PROMISE TO GOD'S GOSPEL IN THE U.K.!*



After you've enjoyed lunch following worship this morning,...
Join Wanda Anthony & Michelle Rackley
TODAY at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to help decorate FPC's
buildings for Advent & Christmas. *Serve the Lord and beautify His House of*
Worship at FPC for the upcoming Advent Season!



Then Prepare to Receive the Lord's Supper Faithfully NEXT SUNDAY, December 1 – the First Lord's Day of Advent. *All baptized and affirming believers who have previously been approved and prepared to discern and partake of the Body, and who are active in fellowship with our congregation or any other evangelical church professing personal faith in salvation through Jesus Christ:* We invite you to a focused week of spiritual renewal, in preparation for sharing Holy Communion. God's Word instructs that our preparation should include Spirit-led self-examination, repentance, and reconciliation to God and to others (particularly fellow believers from whom we may have become estranged), trusting in God's grace.

Current FPC Officers

Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Will Martin, Clerk of Session
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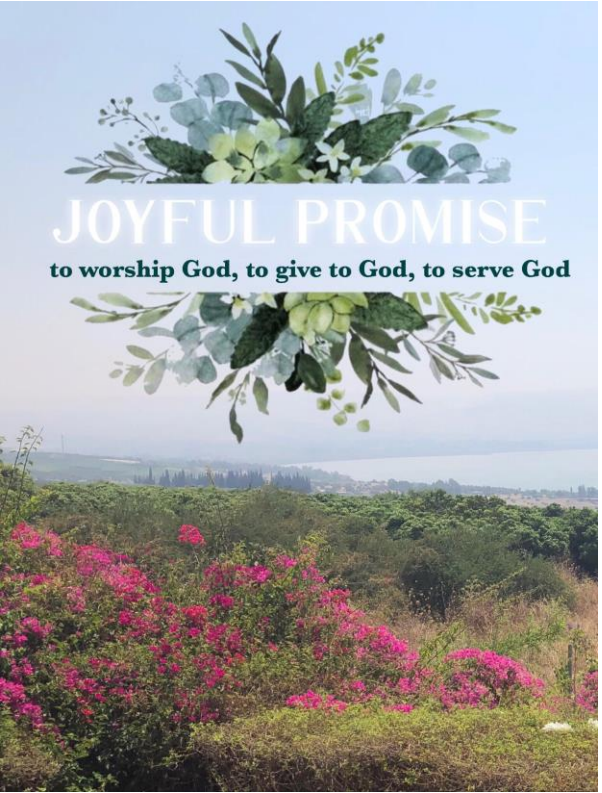
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and
That is Part of the EPC –
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NOVEMBER 24, 2019

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Worship Service | 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School | 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall) | 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.

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Office Hours THIS Thanksgiving Week

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