

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)

OCTOBER 6, 2019
WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

PRELUDE Reid Roberson (8:30)/ Marquita Beaty (11:00)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Martin Lifer

CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST'S NAME

*INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir, Craig Aarhus, Director)

*Responsive Reading from Luke 13:29-30 Joe Nasvytis

Minister: [Jesus said] "And people will come from the east and west,
ALL: "And from the north and south, and will recline at table in the Kingdom of God."

Minister: "And behold,
ALL: "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION & PRAISE

*HYMN 394 In Christ There Is No East or West ST. PETER

ANTHEM (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

GOD'S WORD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (Westminster) Larger Catechism, Q. 170 Joe Nasvytis

Minister: How do those who receive the Lord's Supper in the right way feed on the body and blood of Christ?

ALL: The body and blood of Christ are not present in bodily or physical form, either in or with or under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. They are, however, spiritually present to the faith of the recipient just as truly as the external elements are obvious to the senses. And so those who receive the Lord's Supper in the right way do truly and actually feed on the body and blood of Christ – not in a bodily or physical way, but spiritually – while by faith they receive and apply to themselves Christ crucified, along with the benefits of his death.

HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY

*OFFERING: GOD'S TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY The Communion Hymn COMMUNION
Madeleine and Reid Roberson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Martin Lifer

*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 the congregation in thanksgiving for all members willing to serve the church in the present and in the future.

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 Nasvytis today, or call Pastor Lifer this week at the church office. You may also send a message to Pastor Lifer via email (mwliifer3@gmail.com). ... Also, we invite you to our -

FIRST-CONNECT LUNCH & LEARN –
TODAY, 12:15 – 1:20 p.m.:

Join Pastor & Nancy Lifer, Assistant Pastor Nasvytis, Deacon Jeremy Murdock, and others in Fellowship Hall on TODAY, for our fall FIRST CONNECT Lunch & Learn Fellowship.



Learn about membership & ministries at FPC. Pastor Lifer will review some basics about Christian faith and becoming an FPC member, and we'll share about ministries and opportunities to learn and grow at FPC. Childcare, Children's Lunches, and Children's activities are also provided for participants.

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:6; Mark 2:1-12
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 1007, 837)

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

TODAY'S SERMON The Savior Who Sees Faith and Forgives Sin Martin Lifer

GOD'S WORD SEALED

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION & INTERCESSION Martin Lifer

SILENT PRAYERS

GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S MERCY
*HYMN 403 Here, at Your Table, Lord BREAD OF LIFE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

+INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Martin Lifer

THE LORD'S WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

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

*HYMN 410 A Parting Hymn We Sing DENNIS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE Amen

*POSTLUDE Reid Roberson (8:30)
Lift High the Cross, G. Kitchin Marquita Beaty (11:00)

*The congregation is invited to stand.

Deacon of the Month: Tabor Mullen

Today's Ushers: (8:30) – Jeff Foster (11:00) Keith Hodge, Jack Atkins

Today's Greeters: (8:30) – Barbara Foster (11:00) – Gayle Hodge, Rebecca Banzhaf

TODAY'S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

The Savior Who Sees Faith and Forgives Sins

Communion-Quest Storyline

Controversy About "Communion"

Communion Faith

Communion Savior

Communion Quest Storyline: Faithful Friends Seek the Best for Their Friend-in-Need

Controversy About "Communion": Opposition to Christ and His Communion Grace (examples: Mark recounts five consecutive Controversies in 2:1-12, 2:13-17, 2:18-22, 2:23-28, and 3:1-6, culminating with the report that the Pharisees and Herodians began to conspire about kill Jesus)

Communion Faith:

Hebrews 11:6 - And without _____ it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He _____ those who seek Him.

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is the _____ of things hoped for, the _____ of things not seen.

Communion Savior – Who Sees Friends' Faith and Forgives a Son's Sins

Mark 2:1-12

Mark 2:1-2ff. - Jesus "at home" in Capernaum,...

"And He was preaching the Word to them."

2 Timothy 4:2 - "Preach the Word: be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."

Mark 1:15 - saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand! Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mark 2:2,4 ff. – The CROWD

And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door.

"And they could not get near Him because of the crowd."

Mark 2:3-5ff. - The FRIENDS

Communion Quest Storyline & Communion Faith

"They came" (including but not necessarily limited to the four men carrying the paralytic).

The Friends (including the paralytic) were not defeated by Hardship, Disapproval, Crowd or the Roof!

They removed the roof above Jesus!

Mark 2:5 – The Communion Savior WHO SEES FRIENDS' FAITH and FORGIVES a SON'S SINS

And when Jesus saw their _____, ...

Jesus is NOT put off by their determination and the disruption. He knows their _____ and sees their faithfulness. "Whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him."

He said to the paralytic, "Son, ..." "Daughter"[Mark 5:34b]

your _____ are _____."

What did the man need MOST? What was (and is) Jesus' top priority in ministering to us?

"SINS"

What would the man say NOW were the MOST important things that happened to him that day?

Mark 2:6-7ff. The SCRIBES and the CONTROVERSY

Blasphemy Issue: Only _____ can forgive sins. (Death Penalty for Blasphemy - Leviticus 24:10 ff.)

Jesus knew the scribes' hearts and their questioning/taking offence.

Mark 2:9ff. – Jesus' DEEP GOSPEL QUESTION: "Which is easier?"

"But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,"...

"The Son of Man has authority..."

Jesus healed the paralytic man and sent him home by Word only: three commands.

"they were all amazed and glorified God."

Communion Savior

"Which is easier?"

Which is indescribably harder & more costly?

His Death, His Shedding of His Blood, to _____ our sins.

Communion Faith:

Believe and rejoice in the Lord and in His eternal grace!

He rewards faithful friends who seek Him.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ...

Whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

Week of October 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
	12:15 p.m.	FirstConnect Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
	4:00 p.m.	CCO Jubilee Cookout – all ages invited (Robinson Lake)
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 Prayer Breakfast (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
THURSDAY:	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

October 9 – TEJERAS MEAL SPONSOR (Mission meal for children in Tejeras, Honduras)
Ellen Mauldin for the glory of God and in honor of Gloria Mauldin (Ellen's great granddaughter).

Prayer List

Jimmie Brown
Molly Kate Aarhus
Paula Elliott
Betty Latimer
Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
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
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 Reynolds 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

Thank you note from Dero and Adelaide Ramsey

We look forward to the mail you send every week. Dero can't read it but I can share everything with him! We appreciate prayer so much and know God always answers. Please tell Men's Prayer group how we feel God's blessings and enjoyed the card. We are so blessed to live at this place where we have three devotions every week and wonderful care day and night! We miss being at church but Martin and many church friends visit! Thanks.
With love in Christ, Dero and Adelaide

Thank you note from Jay Bardwell

I would like to thank everyone, from the bottom of my heart, for the heart-felt prayers and support, for my parents, as well as me and my being transferred to Winston County. Not only am I closer to home, making it much easier for my parents to come see me, but it is much nicer and cleaner here, and the officers treat people like they are people, and not inhumane, like it was in the state facilities. Thank You! I appreciate it with all of who I am! I am truly humbled with your outpouring of support.
Sincerely & Respectfully, Jay Bardwell

2019 OFFICER NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

The 2019 Nominating Committee gives thanks for Session and Diaconate classes for 2022:

<u>Session:</u>	<u>Diaconate:</u>
Harry Bell	Jack Atkins
Scotty Crawford	Rebecca Banzhaf
Wesley Ferguson	Janet Bardwell
Susan Gamel	Lee Weiskopf
Brien Henry	

Grace, Mercy and Peace from our Lord, Your FPC Nominating Committee

Current FPC Officers

Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Will Martin, 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	Johnny Fair	Glenda Clark
Vivian Cade	Tabor Mullen	Jack Cook
Joel Downey	Jeremy Murdock	Peyton Fandel
Jason Ryder	Kristen Skinner	Robby Holditch

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 – Pregnancy Center & beginning plans for Operation Shoebox

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

Session for September –Bible Study: Lesson 1 "STUCK" by Jennie Allen

MONDAY Afternoon Circle , OCTOBER 7 – 1:30 in the Parlor

TUESDAY Night Circle, OCTOBER 8 @ 6 PM – TBA

SUNDAY Morning Circle will meet on 10/13, FPC 8 am, Parlor

Monday Night Circle – 10/21 - @ 7 pm – Kristin Skinner's home

Make Your Reservations for Wednesday's

Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner 5:15-5:45 p.m.

THIS Wednesday's Dinner: Chicken and Dumplings, Field Peas, Fried Okra, Rolls, Caramel 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!*



Mark your calendars!

Sunday, October 27, 3:00-7:00 pm
Robinson Lake

Games, Costumes, Food, Trunk or Treat

Join us for some FUN!

Join Us for Jubilee Launch Cookout THIS afternoon

The University Ministry led by the Student Leadership Team is hosting a Jubilee Launch Cookout at **Robinson Lake, TODAY, 4:00-7:00 pm.**

Fun for everyone – all ages! In addition to the cookout, we will play yard games, including kid-friendly games. You can even come and help us cook and prep. Call Ben or Allison Jackson if you have questions or need more information.



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



The Inner Walls are shown above are likely remains of 1st Century Capernaum Home of Simon & Andrew (the Capernaum Home Jesus adopted)

OCTOBER 6, 2019

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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

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