## LORD'S DAY SERVICE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE

### **REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2019**

**GATHERING MUSIC** J.B. Griffith, Bagpipes

PRELUDE Morning Prayer Tchaikovsky Jennifer Blackbourn

**WELCOME & MINISTRY INVITATIONS** 

Martin Lifer

NEW BRITAIN

Ashleigh Murdock

Vivaldi/Hopson

Martin Lifer

Elder-Sponsor Edward Kemp

### CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST'S NAME

\*INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT

Christ!

J.B. Griffith, Bagpipes

**±THE BEADLE'S PRESENTATION OF THE BIBLE** (11:00 a.m. - Jack Forbus, Beadle)

Minister: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us,

ALL: Even when we were dead in our trespasses, He made us alive together with

places, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of his

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Harrison Lane Simmons, son of Lane and Emily Simmons

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in

Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,

and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the

dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion

of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life

Harrison Lane, for you Jesus Christ came into the world. For you He went

through the agony of Gethsemane and the darkness of Calvary; for you He triumphed over death; for you, little child, even though you did not know it. But this is what we believe: "We love God, because He first loved us." So

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,

THE DOXOLOGY ±At the 11 a.m. Service today, as the Beadle carries the Bible into worship, we will rise in adoration and thanks to God in his Holy Majesty and in respect for his Holy Bible.

Child of promise, God claims you. God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. Child of promise,

PARENTS' PROFESSIONS OF FAITH AND DEDICATION OF HARRISON UNTO GOD

\*Baptismal Affirmation from the Liturgy of the French Reformed Church

\*THE CONGREGATION'S COVENANTAL COMMITMENT AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ALL: And He raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly

LITANY FROM GOD'S WORD - from Ephesians 2:4-7

Minister: By grace you have been saved!

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND PRAISE

\*HYMN 104 (vv. 1-3)

grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)

everlasting. Amen.

**BAPTISM AND BLESSING** 

PRAYER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

welcome to the family of faith!

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

forever. Amen. GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN 668

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIVE SONG (Unison)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION AND INTERCESSION

God claims you. God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

**ANTHEM** (11:00 -Chancel Choir) All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice

**HYFRYDOL** 

**POSTLUDE** 

J.B. Griffith, Bagpipes

\*The congregation is invited to stand.

Having trouble hearing the service? We have portable units that are connected directly to our

Deacon of the Month: (8:30) Joel Downey, (11:00) Kristen Skinner Today's Ushers: (8:30) Jeff Foster, (11:00) Keith Hodge, Cal Rackley

+Freewill Monthly Offering as Extra Giving Support to FPC's 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 FPC Local Missions & Benevolence Support Special Offering. This offering is to be given only after disciples first bring their tithe to God and regular

## Visiting with Us?

We warmly welcome you to our worship of God this Lord's Day. Please complete a FIRSTConnect Card and

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).

#### TODAY'S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

What's wrong with this scene? Funereal Wedding ... Funereal "Worship"

Who comes to correct the deadly scene?

What's wrong with this scene? Pharisees with all their traditions, rituals and rules about washing, worship, fasting, and justification by works; being the "good people."

"Worship" based on the traditions of men rather than God's Word.

The Reformers sought to ditch the traditions of man and "church," ditch deadly "worship and fasting," and get back to THE Reformer and his Word and New Wine.

"It's Your Your Funeral" v. "You're Invited to My Heavenly Wedding!"

## \*GIVING TO GOD: HIS TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**OFFERTORY** Morning Has Broken

Jennifer Blackbourn

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 2:18-3:6 (ESV Pew Bible pp. 837)

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

**TODAY'S SERMON** THE Reformer: Martin Lifer

The Bridegroom and Lord of the Sabbath Who Makes All Things New

#### Invitation to Faith and to Spiritual Growth in Christ

\*\***HYMN 156** (Verses 1 & 5) Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Scotland the Brave Scottish Hymn

sound system for optimum audio. Please see an usher about these devices!

Today's Greeters: (8:30) Barbara Foster, (11:00) Gayle Hodge, Laura Rackley

offering; it is used to supplement FPC's local benevolence mission support and mission ministries.

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

THE Reformer: The Bridegroom & Lord of the Sabbath Who Makes All Things New!

What's wrong with this scene? Roman Catholic Church ca. 1500: Justification by Works and Ritual

Faithfulness to Jesus brings opposition — from inside and outside the Church: religious opposition, political opposition, and peoples' resistance to real change.

Jesus' Good News Invitation to Total Reformation: Ditch Your Funeral for My Wedding

**The Crux of the Reformation** — in the 1st Century, 16th Century, and 21st Century

### Four Funerals and One Wedding

Four Funerals [Influential Groups Among the Jews at the Time of Jesus]: (1) Pharisees (and their scribes); (2) Sadducees; (3) Zealots; and (4) Herodians.

Mark 2:18-3:6 — Gives final three of a group of five consecutive accounts of escalating conflict over Jesus'

Reformation.

(A) Mark 2:18-22 Questions and Conflict Over the Religious Tradition of Fasting.
John's disciples fast, as do the Pharisees'. Why don't Jesus' disciples fast?
Jesus answers with parables, first declaring He is the
In Old Testament, the is THE Redeeming Bridegroom [e.g., Isaiah 54] So Jesus is saying He is God our Savior.
Jesus continues with two more parables:
(i) No one patches old clothes with cloth.
(ii) No one puts new wine into wineskins. Results would be disastrous.
[God puts new wine — his Spirit and living ministry — into new wineskins.]
(B) Mark 2:23-28 - Questions/Conflict Over Disciples' "Violation" of the Sabbath: plucking, crushing, and eating grain on the Sabbath.
Jesus' answer:  (i) David's exception;  (ii) Jesus is claiming to be [at least] at same level with David, God's anointed King. "
(iii) Jesus also calls for a total reform of the Pharisees' understanding of Sabbath: from legalism & traditionalism to gospel ministry. "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath,"
(iv) Then Jesus goes further, declaring Himself to be far greater than even David: "The 'Son of Man' is lord even of the Sabbath!"
(C) Mark 3:1-6 - In the on the, Jesus heals a man with a withered hand.
Jesus' religious opponents are now seeking to Jesus. [v. 2]
Jesus' Q: What is the and of God's law? What does GOD actually want from us? "And He said to them, 'Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, or to harm? To save life or kill?'" [v. 4a]
THE Reformer restores the man.
v. 6 Pharisees hold counsel with the, conspiring to Jesus.
False gospels and extremes of the world: legalism or licentiousness.
God's gospel: in Christ: Set free for Christ to reform you totally! Belonging to & following the Bridegroom in his Kingdom celebration of making YOU and all things new.
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<b>The Crux of the Reformation</b> —1st Century, 16th Century, and for
"It's Your Your Funeral" v. "You're Invited to My Heavenly Wedding!"

Week of October 27, 2019

**SUNDAY:** 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

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

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

MONDAY: Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building 7:00 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous, also on T. W. & F (120 Jackson St.) 8:00 p.m. TUESDAY: Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parlor) 7:00 a.m.

Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall) WEDNESDAY: 5:15 p.m.

> 5:50 p.m. Nursery, Children and Youth programs begin

Adult Study, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

### **Prayer List**

Scotty Crawford

John Clark Packer

Mae Glass (Vivien Miller's mother)

Jimmie Brown 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

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 Revnolds (Anita Revnold'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 Lifei

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



# Next Sunday, November 3

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour! More time to prepare for Worship!

## Make Your Reservations for Wednesday's Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner 5:15-5:45 p.m.

THIS Wednesday's Dinner: Fried Chicken Tenders, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Rolls, Banana Pudding. 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!

### **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

Class of 2020 Class of 2019 Class of 2021 Wallace Cade Dolph Bryan Carl Ivey Harold Clark Jim Beaty Jack Forbus Cecelia Cook Will Martin Peggy Johnson **Bob Daniels** Cal Rackley Jeff Foster Orly Hardin **Edward Kemp** 

#### **Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate**

Class of 2020 Class of 2021 Class of 2019 Peggy Branch Glenda Clark Johnny Fair Vivian Cade Tabor Mullen Jack Cook Joel Downey Jeremy Murdock Peyton Fandel Robby Holditch Jason Ryder Kristen Skinner

Session Class of 2022

Diaconate Class of 2022 Jack Atkins Scotty Crawford

Wesley Ferguson Susan Gamel

Rebecca Banzhaf Janet Bardwell Lee Weiskopf

## 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.)

NOTES ABOUT REFORMATION SUNDAY: On October 31, 1517, an Augustinian friar and theology professor named Martin Luther nailed to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, 95 propositions, or theses disputing the Roman Catholic practice of selling indulgences. Though initially a call for scholarly debate, the 95 Theses were quickly translated from Luther's scholarly Latin into German, mass-printed with the aid of the movable type printing press, and distributed to the masses. This combination of actions - centering on Luther's devastating critique of the Roman Church's abusive use of indulgences and Luther's call for repentant faith and justification in Christ alone as the only way to salvation - helped ignite what became the Protestant Reformation.

BEADLES AND THE BIBLE. In the early days of the Reformation in Scotland, a lay office in many local Kirks (churches) was that of the "Beadle." The Beadle was usually elected by the Kirk's Session and usually served for an indefinite period of time. (The Session was the Kirk's governing Board consisting of the Pastor and of Elders from among the people). In those days, Bibles were still relatively rare in Scotland among common people, and the Bible of the Kirk (church) was a treasured possession. The chief duties of the Beadle were: (1) To guard and protect the Kirk's Bible and to present it for worship and preaching; (2) To "call" (as indicated by his title) people to stand and worship as he brought the Bible into worship, and to call people to stand and to prepare to follow God's Word into the world; (3) To summon people to church court (the Session); (4) To issue church decrees throughout the parish; (5) To fulfill other duties for the Kirk Session, which sometimes included collecting fines.

## Scenes of FPC's Mission in Scotland



Kirk, Reid and Jack at Charleston Church mission center in the Charleston housing project area of Dundee.



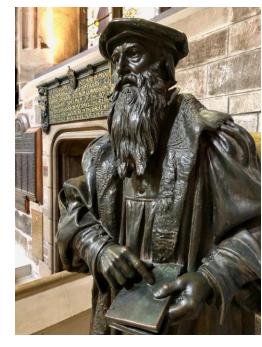
Following worship last Sunday, Haddington Community Church members Ross (a high school teacher), Matthews (a Malawian-Scot and Edinburgh social worker), and Dr. Yaw (a Ghanaian-Scot and M.D.) fellowship with FPC's Pastor Lifer.



Starkville's Church That Preaches the *Doctrines of Grace* 

That is Part of the EPC -

A Global Movement of Evangelical Christians.



"LORD, GIVE ME SCOTLAND, OR I DIE!" - This was the famous Reformation Prayer of Scot Protestant Reformation Leader John Knox, FPC has joined with the UK Partnership and the Free Church of Scotland in continuing Knox's prayer and God's mission (for which so many Reformers gave their lives): that the truth of God's Word and salvation might be brought to Scotland ... and to all the nations. Pastor Lifer took the above photo of the statue of John Knox in what early Protestants called the "High Kirk of St. Giles" in Edinburgh. The statue captures the heart and mission of the great Reformer — pointing us to God's Word, the Holy Bible.

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