

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

PRELUDE *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Gawthrop
 Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Martin Lifer
Notice of Called Meeting and Election; Update from Nominating Committee

CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST'S NAME

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

***Responsive Reading** from Psalm 23:1a, 3b, 4 Joe Nasvytis
 Minister: The LORD is my shepherd.... He leads me in paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

ALL: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION & PRAISE**

***HYMN 82** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

GOD'S WORD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Ashleigh Murdock

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** from the EPC's *Essentials of Our Faith* Reid Roberson
 Minister: What does the Lord Jesus Christ command all believers to do?

ALL: The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires a total commitment to "Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us." He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

***HYMN 670** *Glory Be to the Father*

***ANTHEM** (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *Da Pacem Domine Purifoy*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION & INTERCESSION Martin Lifer

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

SILENT PRAYERS

GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S MERCY

HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY

***OFFERING: GOD'S TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. McDonald
 Jennifer Blackburn

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!

Deacon of the Month: Tabor Mullen

Today's Ushers: (8:30) – Bob Boyd (11:00) – Wesley Ferguson, Lee Weiskopf

Today's Greeters: (8:30) – Priscilla Boyd (11:00) – Emily Ferguson, Hayes Ferguson

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.

Longtime FPC member Charles Atkinson joined the Church Triumphant on Thursday, September 12, 2019. Visitation is scheduled for this afternoon, Sunday, September 15, from 1:45-2:45 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, with the service immediately following in the sanctuary. Dr. Martin Lifer will conduct the service. Friends are invited to join the family for burial in Oddfellows Cemetery following the funeral.

Please join us in extending our condolences and praying for God's comfort to his wife, Roxene, his daughters, Betty Lynn and Jeannie, and their extended family.

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:16-34
 (ESV Pew Bible p. 836)

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

TODAY'S SERMON *The One with Authority:*
When Jesus Comes into Your Life, Church, and Home Martin Lifer

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

***HYMN 440** (v.1) *Here I am Lord* HERE I AM, LORD

CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen*

***POSTLUDE** *Gagliarda* arr. Pasquet
 Jennifer Blackburn

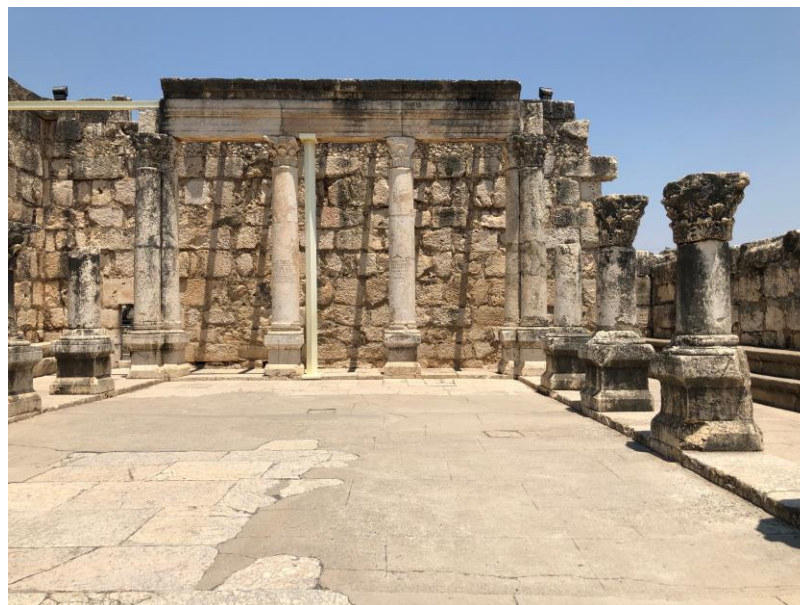
**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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 following the service today, or call Pastor Lifer this week at the church office. You may also send a message to him via email (mwlifer3@gmail.com).



Capernaum Synagogue: This marble-highlighted synagogue dating to the 4th Century A.D. was built atop the visible basalt-stone remains of the 1st Century synagogue in which Jesus worshipped and preached.



Friends & Family Fall Semester

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

THIS Wednesday's Dinner: Fried Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Green Salad, Rolls, 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!*



**Emotionally Healthy Spirituality course
 on Wednesday Nights**

Join us Wednesday Nights this fall, as Joe Nasvytis teaches Peter Scazzero's **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** course. *Learn how to slow down your life to develop your own personal relationship with Jesus, because you can't be spiritually mature if you are not emotionally healthy.*

Resources available for the course: There is an accompanying Participant's Pack that includes one copy each of the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality **book**, 8-session Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Course **Workbook**, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Day by Day (**devotional**). If you would like to have these resources for the class, the Participant's Pack is available from <https://www.emotionallyhealthy.org> Or you can buy the books individually from Amazon.

Please call Rita Usher in the church office if you would like to register for the class, if you would like us to order the materials for you, or if you have any questions.

Post-Grad Young Adult Fellowship

If you're a recent graduate, a current graduate student, or a graduating college senior, you're invited to join us at the home of Jack Atkins every other Thursday night at 6:30 pm for a potluck meal and a time of Bible study. The next meeting is on Thursday, September 19th. Contact Jack Atkins (662-574-6746) or Faith Lifer (678-231-0323) for more information and to be included in the group message.



Directions to Jack Atkins' house - 403 Post Office Road, Starkville, MS
 Go west on Highway 12 past Walmart, turn left on Crosstie Street (about five miles past Walmart and just before the Longview Dollar General), turn right on Post Office Road, and the house is on the left.

**FISH FRY AND BLUEGRASS GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL
 AT FPC'S ROBINSON LAKE NEXT SUNDAY, 4 p.m.!**



ALL WELCOME: Members & Visitors, All Ages!
 Come Join Us for this Annual Fellowship Event
 Next Sunday, September 22, 4 p.m.

Come and join us for a Gospel Music Celebration with
 Alan Sibley and the Magnolia Ramblers.

Directions to our Robinson Lake Retreat and Fellowship Pavilions: Go north on Old West Point Rd. from Hwy 182 for 2.8 miles. Turn right at the small sign for Daffodil Lane (a small gravel drive), immediately past the Valley Hills sign.

Week of September 15, 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 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)
SATURDAY:	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (120 Jackson St.)

Thank you from the Gregory family

Dear church family,
 We are so thankful for the love and support that you showed us during the diapers and wipes shower on September 8. We feel so blessed to be a part of this wonderful congregation. We appreciate your prayers and support as we prepare to welcome our baby boy to the family.
 In Christ's love, Anne Marie and Thomas Gregory

Thank You from the Casserole Kitchen Ministry

The Casserole Kitchen ministry began in First Presbyterian Church 10 ½ years ago under the leadership of Gery Cummings and with the help of other members of our church and other churches throughout Starkville and Oktibbeha County. This is truly an ecumenical effort to provide good, wholesome meals in a clean, safe environment to those in need. Our founders were seeking to answer the question, "When did we feed You?" Over this period of time, we have literally served tens of thousands of meals through our Fellowship Hall, we have involved dozens of churches of many denominations and hundreds of volunteers from across the Starkville community and MSU campus.
 I want to thank all of our members who have faithfully supported Casserole Kitchen as a host or hostess, prepared and served meals, helped clean up the Fellowship Hall after a meal, or provided assistance in other ways.
 This Ministry will now begin a new chapter through the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. I thank each of you with much gratitude and appreciation for all you have done.
 Sincerely, Loren Zimmerman, Co-Chair, Casserole Kitchen

Prayer List

Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
 Roxene Atkinson
 Randell Foxworth
 Marjorie Malone
 Billy and Brenda Harrington
 Paula Elliott
 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
 Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
 Richard Barge (friend of Jack Forbus)
 Aspen Reynolds (Anita Reynolds granddaughter)
 Teresa Miller (Amy Harrison's mom)
 Emily Chancellor (Natalie Morgan's Niece)
 Carl Ivey, Sr. (Dukedom, Kentucky); Michael Belcher (Friend of the Iveys)
 Bob and Dot Forbus, and Raleigh Wood (brother, sister-in-law, and friend 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

CALLED MEETING on SEPTEMBER 22 for OFFICER NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS.

Active Members of FPC: On September 22, at 8:30 a.m., we will convene a Called Congregational Meeting for Nominations and Elections. The stated primary purpose of the meeting will be for receiving the report of the Nominating Committee and then opening the voting process for the election of members to the Session Class of 2022 and the Diaconate Class of 2022. The meeting will open in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. with prayer, confirmation of the day's agenda, and report of the Nominating Committee. The Agenda Further Includes the Following Initial Substantive Actions:

- (1) Confirming the Congregational Election of Its Nominating Committee.
- (2) A Congregational Vote on the Session's Recommendation for Congregational Approval of a Special Exception to Increase the Number of Members in the Session Class of 2022 from Four to Five: that is, from Four (as set by prior Congregational Vote to have four members in each Session Class) to Five Members in the Class of 2022.
- (3) Receiving the Nominating Committee's group of five nominees for the Session Class of 2022 and four nominees for the Diaconate Class of 2022.
- (4) Receiving any proper nominations of active members for additional nominees to be candidates for the Session Class of 2022 or candidates for the Diaconate Class of 2022.

The Congregation may then vote to proceed to the election process and to adjourn the meeting – pending (and subject to) the conclusion of a ballot election process and the confirmation of the election results. The Session has voted to have the Congregation following the procedure for FPC Officer Elections established by the Session and Congregation in the 2018 Officer Elections. Accordingly, active FPC members would then be able to vote individually by ballot on the meeting date, September 22, any time from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the election table that will be set up in the northeast corner of the Fellowship Hall. **However, under certain proper circumstances and a majority vote of the Congregation, the meeting may be adjourned to a Time Certain (likely a subsequent Sunday). The election process would then likewise be moved to proceed in accord with confirming actions on that Time Certain.**

On Sunday, September 22, the Nominating Committee will nominate the following five candidates for the office of elder in the Session Class of 2022: Harry Bell; Scotty Crawford; Wesley Ferguson; Susan Gamel; and Brien Henry. If the Congregation approves the exception of increasing the Session Class of 2022 number from four to five, and if there are no nominations from the floor for the Session Class, then the Nominating Committee will recommend that the congregation elect by an omnibus approval vote (all five) of the committee's nominees to serve as members of the Session and to constitute, together, the Session Class of 2022.

On Sunday, September 22, the Nominating Committee will also nominate the following four candidates for the office of deacon to be members of the Diaconate Class of 2022: Jack Atkins; Rebecca Wade Banzhaf; Janet Bardwell; and Lee Weiskopf. If there are no nominations from the floor for the Session Class, then the Nominating Committee will recommend that the congregation elect by an omnibus approval vote (all four) of the committee's nominees to serve as members of the Diaconate and to constitute, together, the Diaconate Class of 2022.

There will not at this time be a meeting of the church corporation.

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 – FPC University Ministry – Ben Jackson

Circle Meetings - 2nd week of each month (7:00 pm Circle meets 3rd Mon.)
 Session for September – Introduction to Bible Study : "STUCK" by Jennie Allen
 Monday, 9/23 – 7 pm, Amy Weiskopf's home, Leader Amy Weiskopf

Annual Sip and See Fellowship Brunch – Today at 10:30 a.m.

Join the Women's Ministry **TODAY**, during our Fellowship time at 10:30 am, in the Eastside Breezeway as we meet and offer our congratulations to the parents in our church family whom God has blessed with new babies. (The event will be inside if weather is an issue.)



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



The Sea of Galilee, viewed from the shoreline at Capernaum.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Worship Service | 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School | 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

Sip & See Fellowship Brunch (Eastside Breezeway & Patios) | 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.

Visit Our Website for Sermon Podcasts & Ministry News

www.fpcstarkville.org

Church Office

307 University Drive, Starkville, Mississippi 39759

Phone | 662-323-1994 Fax | 662-323-1999

Office Hours

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