

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY		
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)		
SEPTEMBER 29, 2019		
PRELUDE	God of Grace and God of Glory	arr. Krug Jennifer Blackburn
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Martin Lifer
CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST’S NAME		
*INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir, Craig Aarhus, Director)		
* Responsive Reading from Psalm 107:28-31 Joe Nasvytis		
Minister: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.		
ALL: He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.		
Minister: Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and He brought them to their desired haven.		
ALL: Let us thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous work for the children of man.		
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION & PRAISE		
*HYMN 48	I Sing the Mighty Power of God	ELLACOMBE
OFFERINGS OF REPENTANT FAITH AND JOY IN GOD’S GRACE		
GOOD NEWS OUTREACH GIFT FOR THE MISSION OF STARKVILLE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY		
GOD’S WORD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN		Ashleigh Murdock
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from The (Westminster) Larger Catechism, Q. 171 Reid Roberson		
Minister: How do we prepare to receive the Lord’s Supper?		
ALL: Preparation for the Lord’s Supper involves careful examination: of the condition of our life in Christ; of our sins and failings; and of whether – and to what degree – we truly know God, believe in Him, and have repented, and of whether we love God and our fellow believers. We should have a charitable attitude toward everyone, including forgiveness toward those who have wronged us. We must also assess how much we desire Christ, and whether we are living in newness of obedience. Finally, we must renew the practices of these graces in us by serious meditation and fervent prayer.		
PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION & 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		
GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S MERCY		
*HYMN 670	Glory Be to the Father	
*ANTHEM (11:00 – Chancel Choir)	I’d Rather Have Jesus	Shea/Raney
HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY		
*OFFERING: GOD’S TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Martin Lifer
OFFERTORY	It Is Well With My Soul	arr. Hayes Jennifer Blackburn

**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!

Prepare to Receive the Lord’s Supper Faithfully on Worldwide Communion Sunday. 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 church 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 your sharing Holy Communion next Sunday. As reflected in our Affirmation of Faith this morning from the Larger Catechism – God’s Word instructs that our preparation includes Spirit-led self-examination, repentance, and reconciliation to God and to others (particularly fellow believers from whom we may have become estranged), and this through trusting in God’s grace in all things.

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED		
Reformed Faith and Spiritual Renewal Conference		
SCRIPTURE	Mark 4:35-41	(ESV Pew Bible pp. 839-840)
SERMON	What Obeys Jesus: Nature	Sean Lucas
CALLED, BLESSED AND SENT AS WITNESSES OF GOD’S WORD		
*HYMN 47	Fairest Lord Jesus	CRUSADERS’ HYMN
*BENEDICTION		
CHORAL RESPONSE	Amen	
*POSTLUDE	Voluntary In C	arr. Ryan Jennifer Blackburn

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

Deacon of the Month: Jeremy Murdock
Today’s Ushers: (8:30) – Bob Boyd (11:00) – Wesley Ferguson, Derick Metts
Today’s Greeters: (8:30) – Priscilla Boyd (11:00) – Emily Ferguson, Pam Metts

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Joy Class in honor of Adelaide and Dero Ramsey’s 69th wedding anniversary.

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 him via email (mwllifer3@gmail.com). Also, we invite you to our **FirstConnect Lunch & Learn in Two Weeks:**

FIRST-CONNECT LUNCH & LEARN – NEXT Sunday, October 6, 12:15 – 1:20 p.m.:

Visitors: RSVP, and plan to join Pastor Lifer, Nancy Lifer, Assistant Pastor Nasvytis, Deacon Jeremy Murdock, and others at **12:15 p.m., in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 6, for our fall FIRST CONNECT Lunch & Learn Fellowship.**



Learn about being a faithful Christian through membership & ministry at FPC. Pastor Lifer will review some basics about what it means to be a faithful Christian *and 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.*

RSVP by calling or sending an email to the church office, or speak directly to Pastor Lifer – so that Nancy can plan for your lunch needs and we can plan to host you and any family members.

Notes for Dr. Lucas’ Sermon This Morning	
“What Obeys Jesus: Nature” (Mark 4:35-41)	
1. Storm	A. Physical
	B. Spiritual
2. Savior	A. What
	B. Who
	C. Why

Join us TONIGHT 6 p.m.
For the second of Dr. Lucas’ two messages
in FPC’s 4th Annual
Reformed Faith and Spiritual Renewal Conference
Sunday Evening Service at 6:00 pm
Childcare provided for newborn thru 1st grade children for all services.

We welcome this morning and this evening The Reverend Dr. Sean Michael Lucas as our Distinguished Guest Preacher for FPC Starkville’s Fourth Annual Reformed Faith and Spiritual Renewal Conference. Dr. Lucas is the Sr. Pastor of Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis and the Chancellor’s Professor of Church History at Reformed Theological Seminary. He has authored a number of excellent books addressing Presbyterian-Reformed faith and history - including *On Being Presbyterian: Our Beliefs, Practices, and Stories* and *God’s Grand Design: The Theological Vision of Jonathan Edwards*.

Dr. Lucas’ Message Tonight: *What Obeys Jesus: Evil* (Mark 5:1-20)

Join Us for Jubilee Launch Cookout Next Sunday afternoon, October 6.
The University Ministry led by the Student Leadership Team is hosting a Jubilee Launch Cookout at **Robinson Lake next Sunday, October 6, 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. Let us know!
Please **RSVP** to the church office or drop the slip below into the offering plate, so we can plan.

Jubilee Launch Cookout RSVP

We will attend the Cookout – Name _____ # attending _____

We can help cook and prep – Name _____

Phone _____

Week of September 29, 2019		
SUNDAY:	8:30 a.m.	Reformed Faith and Spiritual Renewal Conference
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 a.m.	Reformed Faith and Spiritual Renewal Conference
	6:00 p.m.	Reformed Faith and Spiritual Renewal Conference
MONDAY:	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (120 Jackson St.)
	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
TUESDAY:	5:15 p.m.	Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY:	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)
	6:00 p.m.	Post-Grad Young Adult Fellowship
SATURDAY:	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (120 Jackson St.)

Prayer List
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
Richard Barge (friend of Jack Forbus, Palmer Home, and FPC)
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 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

Thanks from the Atkinson Family

The family of Charles Atkinson wishes to express thanks for all the prayers, rides, visits and food provided by our church family during his illness and death. Your love and support meant so much to us and helped us get through this difficult time.

In the love of Christ,
Roxene and Betty Lynn Atkinson,
Yaun and Jeannie White and their daughters, Maggie and Hannah White

2019 OFFICER NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

The 2019 Nominating Committee would like to announce Session and Diaconate classes for 2022. They are:

Session:

Harry Bell
Scotty Crawford
Wesley Ferguson
Susan Gamel
Brien Henry

Diaconate:

Jack Atkins
Rebecca Banzhaf
Janet Bardwell
Lee Weiskopf

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

Class of 2019

Dolph Bryan
Harold Clark
Cecelia Cook
Bob Daniels
Orly Hardin
Edward Kemp

Class of 2020

Carl Ivey
Jim Beaty
Peggy Johnson
Jeff Foster

Class of 2021

Wallace Cade
Jack Forbus
Will Martin
Cal Rackley

Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate

Class of 2019

Peggy Branch
Vivian Cade
Joel Downey
Jason Ryder

Class of 2020

Johnny Fair
Tabor Mullen
Jeremy Murdock
Kristen Skinner

Class of 2021

Glenda Clark
Jack Cook
Peyton Fandel
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

Thanks from Rachel Reynolds

Dear Friends,

It was such an honor to speak at your Women's Retreat! You all were so kind to support as well as speak encouragement to me.

I want to encourage you in your journey with Christ to let Him be the center of your life and allow Him to give you understanding to your S.H.A.P.E. so that you can effectively and abundantly bear His fruit that will impact those around you!

Much Love, *Rachel Reynolds*

Make Your Reservations for Wednesday's

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

THIS Wednesday's Dinner: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Lima Beans, Rolls, Chocolate 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!



Starkville's Church

That Preaches the *Doctrines of Grace*

and

That is Part of the EPC –

A Global Movement of Evangelical Christians.



We thank God for a Beautiful Fellowship Afternoon at FPC's Robinson Lake last Sunday.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Reformed Faith and Spiritual Renewal Conference

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.

Worship Service | 6:00 p.m.

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Office Hours

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