

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)
FEBRUARY 3, 2019

PRELUDE *Prelude in G Major* Bach
Jennifer Blackburn, organ

WELCOME Mission Gift to Starkville Habitat for Humanity (to Joel Downey, Director) Martin Lifer

***INTROIT** (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Romans 5:6-7a & 5:8 Ben Jackson
Minister: For while we were still weak – *[nevertheless]* at the right time – Christ died for us. For one would scarcely die for a righteous person,...
ALL: But God shows his love for in that – while we were still sinners – Christ died for us.

***INVOCATION**

***HYMN 250** *And Can It Be* SAGINA

GOD'S GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Martin Lifer (8:30); Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** from The Westminster Confession of Faith (Chapter 2, Art. 1, Sent. 3-5)
Minister: Through the gospel, what do we believe and know about God?
ALL: He is completely loving, gracious, merciful, and long-suffering. He overflows with goodness and truth. He forgives wickedness, transgression and sin, and He rewards those who diligently seek Him.

***HYMN 670 THE GLORIA PATRI**

***ANTHEM** (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *Then Sings My Soul* arr. McDonald

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & PETITION 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.

SILENT PRAYERS

GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE

* **RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING – GIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR FURTHER OFFERINGS**

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

OFFERTORY *'What Wondrous Love Is This' with 'Take My Life and Let It Be'* arr. Alex-Zsolt
Jennifer Blackburn, piano

**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 today!

Deacon of the Month: Joel Downey (8:30) Jason Ryder (11:00)
Today's Ushers: (8:30) – Marshall Molen; (11:00) – Ernie George, Larry Anthony
Today's Greeters: (8:30) – Pattie Molen; (11:00) – Leslie Corey, Wanda Anthony

Members of our FPC congregation have given today's Sanctuary Flowers to **the Glory of God** and enhance our worship of God this Lord's Day.

Help Needed for Sunday Worship Services!

Please Volunteer to Be an Usher or Greeter on One or More Sundays.

Please access our "Signup Genius" webpage to sign up,
or call Rita at the church office 662-323-1994.

Sign up for the 8:30 a.m. Service: <https://tinyurl.com/FPC-830am-U-G-Jan-Jun-2019>

Sign up for the 11:00 a.m. Service: <https://tinyurl.com/FPC-11am-U-G-Jan-Jun-2019>

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE John 10:2-5,14-16 &13:1
[Psalm 139:1-18]
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 896, 900, 521-22)

SERMON SERIES *GETTING PERSONAL: GOD'S SAVING LOVE*

TODAY'S SERMON *God Loves Each of His Children Personally and Unconditionally (Part 1)* Martin Lifer

INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST

***HYMN 101** *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* TOWNEND

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* TRADITIONAL

POSTLUDE *Postlude on 'Lift Every Voice and Sing'* arr. Barr
Jennifer Blackburn, organ

**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.

To learn more about faith in Jesus Christ, as well as about church membership, your spiritual growth, and ways to learn & serve at FPC – please speak to Pastor Lifer following the service, or call him this week at the church office. You may also send a message to him via email (mwlfifer3@gmail.com).

We also **hope you will plan to be guests of Pastor and Nancy Lifer**, with other FPC members and visitors, **for our**

FIRST CONNECT Lunch & Learn Fellowship
TODAY, 12:10-1:15, p.m.



This is an excellent opportunity for all currently visiting FPC to learn more about becoming part of our church family and ministries. We can provide childcare and lunch for younger children whose parents are attending. Please simply speak with Pastor Lifer, Nancy, or Ashleigh Murdock today.

Inviting all Participants in Scouting & Trail Life Programs to Join Us in Celebrating Scouting & Trail Sunday Next Lord's Day, February 10!

Next week's Lord's Day is the National Calendar date for Scouting and Trail Life Recognition at Church. We invite all children, youth, and adult participants in all GSA programs (Daisies, Brownies, Girl Scouts, etc.), BSA programs (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.), and Trail Life programs to wear your uniforms to FPC next Sunday and – if you can – please connect with Vivian Cade, Ashleigh Murdock, Glenda Clark today or this week, or contact Rita Usher (in the Church Office) to: Volunteer to help with our Fellowship Gathering next Sunday; and/or to Volunteer to help with Greeting and Ushering at our worship services on February 10.

VIP Valentine's Luncheon on February 15

It's time to have some fun! We are having a VIP (Very Important Presbyterians) **Valentine's luncheon on Friday, February 15th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall.** *Bring a photo (or photos) from your wedding.* © If you like, you can bring photos of your parents' wedding too. We will have a wonderful lunch and will share our photos and stories of our lives and loves. Please call the church office (662-323-1994) by Monday, Feb. 11, to R.S.V.P. We hope to you can join us!

TODAY'S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES

**The Gospel Truth of the Bible and the Doctrines of Grace (Reformed Faith)—
God's Saving Love Is Personal, Specific, Transforming, Unconditional & Eternal**

Real Love is Personal: Specifically "Gets Personal" and is Unconditional

Salvation Is Personal: Specifically "Gets Personal" and is Unconditional

(1) God's Love is **Specific** in His Lovingly Personal Call, Covenant & Claims.

Deuteronomy 10:14-15 Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. **Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.**

John 6:65b **"This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him by the Father."**
John 10:3b **"The sheep hear his voice, and He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."**
John 10:14 **"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know Me."**

(2) God's Love *Gets Personal: Actively Claims & Transforms His Children.*

Psalm 139:10 For You formed my inward parts; **You knitted me together in my mother's womb.**
Jeremiah 1:5 **"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I set you apart and appointed you a prophet to the nations."**

*Gets **Really** Personal:*

Deuteronomy 10:16 => **Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn!**

Psalm 139 David proclaims that the LORD: - knows me intimately;
- knows all my ways ...and knows all my words even before I speak them;
- hems me in behind & before and lays his hand on me to direct & bless me; and
- ordained every day I will live on earth before one of them ever began.

"I know my own, and my own know Me." / "He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him."

(3) Jesus' Atoning, Saving Love is **VERY Personal** and **Specific.**

Having loved his own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. John 13:1b

The Good Shepherd: "I lay down my life for the sheep."

"He calls his own sheep by name;... He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him."

THE INVITATION:

Believe and Receive Him and His Personal, Specific and Unconditional Love.

Week of February 3, 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 (Ed. Bldg)
TUESDAY:	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
	5:15 p.m.	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY:	5:15 p.m.	Dinner and visiting in the Fellowship Hall
	5:50 p.m.	Nursery, Children and Youth programs begin
	6:00 p.m.	Men's and Women's Bible studies
	6:00 p.m.	HeBrews in Fellowship Hall-coffee, dessert, visiting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
THURSDAY:	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
SATURDAY:	12:00 pm	Casserole Kitchen (Episcopal Church)
	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Christian Education Bldg.)

CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK

February 5 – Loren Zimmerman

February 7 – Billy Harrington

A "Thank You" Note from Harold & Scottie Knight to Their Church Family:

"We appreciated all the food, cards, prayers, and help through this month. Thank you for EVERYTHING!"

Prayer List

Sylvia Love
Scottie Knight
Chares Atkinson
Allison Jackson
Marjorie Malone
Paula Elliott
Paula and Carl Ivey
Ross Collins
Billy and Brenda Harrington
Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell
Gerlene Lifer
Ashleigh Murdock and Hawkins Murdock
Raleigh Wood (Jack Forbus' friend)
Beverly Smitherman (Ellen Mauldin's cousin)
Bob and Dot Forbus (brother and sister-in-law of Jack Forbus)
Bobby Fleming (brother of Gloria Cade)
Thomas Guest (grandson of Charlie & Rubye Guest).
Frances Knoll Waltman and Cissy Knoll Thomas (Libby Gill's sister and mother)
Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
Michael Tubb – Anna Ray Gassaway's nephew
David Skinner (Kyle Skinner's father)
Frances Ellis and Brett Horton (Ellen Mauldin's sister and her brother Leslie's grandson)
Diane Daniels, her sister, Delores Irvin, and Sarah Helen McCloskey and Craig D. Campbell (family friends of Bob & Diane Daniels)
Marie Tubb and John Gassaway (Anna Ray Gassaway's sister-in-law & brother-in-law)
Brenda Pratt, Cheryl Kay Linder (Beth Ann Dunlap's stepmother & sister)
Carl Ivey, Sr. (Dukedom, Kentucky); Anderson Ivey (Carl and Paula Ivey's grandson in Birmingham); and Traci Hardin (wife of a manager of the Iveys' Village Center Cycle)
David Sanders (Friend of Loren Zimmerman)

Additional Prayer List for Health Care / Assisted Living

Bessie Montgomery – Montgomery Gardens
Louise Haddigan – The Claiborne
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

FPC Officers

The Session and Diaconate meet monthly.
Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Bob Daniels, 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
Tabor Mullen
Kristen Skinner
Johnny Fair
Jeremy Murdock

Class of 2021

Glenda Clark
Jack Cook
Peyton Fandel
Robby Holditch

Officer-Leaders of Ministry Teams

Please speak to these leaders today to learn more about the following ministry teams:

Bob Daniels	Administrative Team
Peggy Johnson	Education Team
Jack Forbus	Outreach and Missions Team
Orly Hardin	Shepherding Team
Cecelia Cook	Worship Team

FPC Starkville (EPC) Women's Ministry

Janice Kinard, Moderator

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

FPC Starkville (EPC) Men's Ministry

Will Rackley, President, Charlie Weatherly, Treasurer

Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m.

THIS Wednesday's Dinner: Pulled Pork w/ BBQ Sauce, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Rolls, Cream Cheese 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!

Youth and Children's Ministry

The Youth and Children (3rd grade and up) will be attending
Winter Jam in Tupelo, on Thursday, February 21.

If you are interested in more information, please contact
Ashleigh Murdock abmurdock@gmail.com or Kirk Kinard at kirkkinard@gmail.com
For more details about the concerts, see this link <http://2019.jamtour.com/>

University Ministry

On Mondays, Ben and Allison Jackson host a CCO/FPC meal to students in their home. Church members are invited not only to help with food but to eat and mingle with everyone. If you would like to join in some way, please speak to or email Allison or Ben (allidjackson@gmail.com, bjackson@ccojubilee.org).



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



Starkville Habitat for Humanity Director and FPC Deacon Joel Downey, Pastor Martin Lifer, and Habitat Vice President and Family Selection Chairman Nancy Lifer join other Habitat leaders and Chelsey Jones for the dedication of the Jones family Habitat home, January 25th.

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Worship Service | 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School | 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Gathering | 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.

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