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

**JUNE 24. 2018** 

PRELUDE As the Deer arr. Pethel

Jessica Banks, flute: Jennifer Blackbourn, piano

WELCOME Martin Lifer

INTROIT (11:00 - Chancel Choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 98:1-2

O sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! ALL: His right hand and holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The LORD has made known his salvation: He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE** 

\*HYMN 346 The Church's One Foundation

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**GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN** 

Ashleigh Murdock

\*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH from the (Westminster) Larger Catechism, Q. 1 Pastor: What is the primary and highest purpose of human beings?

ALL: The primary and highest purpose of human beings is to glorify God and to enjoy Him completely forever.

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI

**ANTHEM** (11:00 -Chancel Choir) Forever / Mighty Fortress

arr. Schrader

#### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION. PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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 FORGIVENESS IN CHRIST

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 THE DOXOLOGY

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

**OFFERTORY**Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Holcombe
Jessica Banks, flute; Jennifer Blackbourn, piano

Deacon of the Month: Jeremy Murdock

**Today's Ushers**: 8:30 –George Vemer; 11:00 – Harold Knight; John McReynolds **Today's Greeters:** 8:30 – Mary Jane Vemer; 11:00 – Ernie George; Wanda Anthony

**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 using one of these devices during the service.

#### **GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 98:4-9
(ESV Pew Bible p. 500)

SERMON Mid Year Martin Lifer

#### FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD IN FAITH AND WITNESS

#### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND OF TRUST IN GOD'S GRACE

+\*HYMN 181 Joy to the World ANTIOCH

\*BENEDICTION Martin Lifer

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 – Chancel Choir) Amen Traditional

POSTLUDE Jennifer Blackbourn

+We invite you to place in one of the baskets at the front of the Chancel – *during the closing hymn or following the service* – your **Two-Cents-a-Meal Special Offering** for this month – to be used to (1) defray FPC's costs in hosting the Casserole Kitchen Mission on Tuesday and Thursday nights AND (2) support for FPC's other benevolence missions.

We welcome Jessica Banks today as our guest musician. Jessica is an instructor of flute in the Department of Music at MSU.

# Visiting with Us?

We warmly welcome you to our worship of God. We hope you can be back in worship with us on upcoming Sundays and also connect with other study and fellowship opportunities at FPC. To learn more about faith in Jesus Christ, church membership, and/or opportunities to learn and serve at FPC, please speak to Pastor Lifer following the service,... or you may call the church office or send a note to him via email (mwlifer3@gmail.com).

## FIRSTConnect Cards!

**Visitors - including MSU and other students** (and FPC Members, if you need to update your information or let us know of Prayer Requests):

Please complete a <u>FIRSTConnect</u> Card and place it in the Offering or in one of our <u>FIRSTConnect</u> Boxes inside the entranceways.

# **DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER TODAY**

Caleb and Betsy Luke are expecting the birth of their second child: a little brother for Wade, due to be born in August. Please Join us TODAY during our Fellowship Gathering (10:30-10:50 a.m.) for our Diapers & Wipes Shower for the Luke family.

# Ushers and Greeters Needed! Please Choose Your Dates and Volunteer to Serve the Lord on One or More Sundays.

Our current schedule for Ushers and Greeters Concludes this month. Please access our "Signup Genius" webpage to sign up for Sundays through the end of the year or call Rita at the church office 662-323-1994 or contact Vivian Cade at <a href="mailto:cade.vm@gmail.com">cade.vm@gmail.com</a>.

Sign up for the 8:30 Service: <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/FPC8-30Ushers-Greeters-Aug-Dec">tinyurl.com/FPC11amUshers-Greeters-Jul-Dec</a>
Sign up for the 10:00 a.m. Service in July or the 11:00 a.m. Service Aug.-December: <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/FPC11amUshers-Greeters-Jul-Dec">tinyurl.com/FPC11amUshers-Greeters-Jul-Dec</a>

My mid-year joyful praises to the LORD:

My prayers and promises for specific ways to glorify my King in the next 6 months:

# **BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY:**

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Then, on Sunday, August 5, we will return to our regular Sunday morning schedule of two services at 8:30 and 11:00 am, and our full Sunday School schedule will be back at 9:45-10:30 on Sunday mornings.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER to teach Children's or Youth Sunday School – this coming fall semester OR during this or next summer – please contact Ashleigh Murdock.

# Meals for Joel and Laura Downey

Please join the Women's Ministry in **providing meals for Joel and Laura Downey** on the birth on their daughter, Esther. Follow the directions below to choose a date to bring a meal. Website: takethemameal.com

Last Name: Downey Password: Downey

**TEJERAS MEAL SPONSORS** (Mission meal for children in Tejeras, Honduras)

**June 26** – For the Glory of God by Sonny and Patsy Stuart in Celebration of their grandson, Thomas Ethridge Stuart's, first birthday

If you would like to sponsor a Tejeras Meal in 2018, please send a check for \$80 made out to Honduras Agape Foundation to Michele Rackley, PO Box 826, Starkville, MS 39760, or in the church office, or you may place your check in the Offering.

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Week of June 24, 2018

**SUNDAY:** 8:30a.m. Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday School

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

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:** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parlor) 7:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall) WEDNESDAY: 6:00 p.m. **Adult Chancel Choir Practice** 

**THURSDAY:** 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

June 26 – Rex Buffington June 28 – Richard and Jennifer Blackbourn

# **Praver List**

Carol & Joe Mobley

John Michael & Avent VanHorn and Nicholas

Shirley Randle

**Laurin Scales** 

Jay, Gary and Janet Bardwell

Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware

Billy and Brenda Harrington

Jack Burton

Pat Cardwell (Emily Daniels' grandmother) - Sylacauga, AL

Hawkins Murdock

Thomas Guest (grandson of Charlie & Rubye Guest)

Lauren Cooper (granddaughter of Wallace & Gloria Cade)

Carol Clark (Albert Clark's sister)

Diane Daniels, her sister, Delores Irvin, and Sarah Helen McCloskey (family friend) -PA

Mariorie Malone

Eleisha G. Reynolds (Anita Reynolds' daughter-in-law) Montrose, CO

Marie Tubb and John Gassaway (Anna Ray Gasaway's sister-in-law & brother-in-law)

Cissy Knoll Thomas (Libby Gill's mother) Stuttgart, AR

Dawn Allen (Nell Hartness' granddaughter) - Starkville

Brenda Pratt, Cheryl Kay Linder (Beth Ann Dunlap's stepmother & sister)

Bessie Montgomery

Jane Zitta

Carl Ivey, Sr. – Dukedom, Kentucky

Anderson Ivey (Carl and Paula Ivey's grandson) – Birmingham, Alabama

Craig Wolf (Paula Elliott's son-in-law) – Huntsville, Alabama

Danny Carlisle (Loren Zimmerman's friend)

Frances Ellis and Brett Horton (Ellen Mauldin's sister and her brother Leslie's grandson)

# Additional Prayer List for Health Care / Assisted Living

Cattie Taylor – Beehive, Starkville

Thelma Gentry – Vicker's Personal Care Home

Louise Haddiagan – The Claiborne

Jane Lusk – The Claiborne

Jetta Kuykendall – The Grove, Columbia

Frances Oakley – Sunnybrook Estates, Madison

Marie Tramel - Beau Ridge, Ridgeland

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

Pastoral note of Appreciation and Update from Pastor Lifer - Carol Mobley is home! Thank you for your prayers and thanks to those who provided meals for Joe. No further meals are needed at this point, but we ask for your continued prayers for Joe and Carol. Also please pray for their daughter, Karen, who is helping them.

## **Elders Serving on Our Session**

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Myles Carpenter	Dolph Bryan	Carl Ivey
Jack Forbus	Harold Clark	Jim Beaty
andell Foxworth	Cecelia Cook	Peggy Johnson
Allen Johnson	<b>Bob Daniels</b>	Jeff Foster
Janice Kinard	Orly Hardin	

Edward Kemp Elder Emeritus – Dero Ramsey

Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Randell Foxworth, Clerk The Session's next Stated Meeting is August 19, 12:30 p.m.

Perry Rackley

## **Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate**

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Jay Cook	Peggy Branch	Tabor Mullen
John Rush	Vivian Cade	Kristen Skinner
	Joel Downey	Johnny Fair
	Jason Ryder	Jeremy Murdock

# VIPs (Adults 60+) Summer Fun Fellowship!!

Lunch at the Veranda followed by ice cream at MAFES **THIS** Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 11 am; Meet at the church at 10:45 to ride together. Please **RSVP** to church office 662-323-1994 or by email info@fpcstarkville.org.

FPC Women's Ministry - Caitlin Rackley, Moderator

Circles, Meeting Places, and Leaders

Circles meet 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each month (7:00 pm Circle meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

Men of the Church (MOC) Officers – Andrew Fountain, President.

Will Rackley, Vice President, Charlie Weatherly, Treasurer

#### **The Ministry of Music**

On Wednesdays - Chancel Choir, 6:00 p.m./ Children's Choirs at 5:50 p.m.

# **FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team**

Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer, Pastor mwlifer3@gmail.com Rita Usher, Pastoral Secretary info@fpcstarkville.org Ben Jackson, Assistant Minister for FPC's CCO University Ministry Outreach

bdjackson8@gmail.com

Dr. Craig Aarhus, Music Director aarhus@bellsouth.net Ashleigh Murdock, Children's Ministry Coordinator aabmurdock@gmail.com Jennifer Blackbourn, Organist jenniferblackbourn@hotmail.com Kathy McGill, Children's Choir Director katherinemcgill@hotmail.com Kirk Kinard, Youth Ministry kirkkinard@gmail.com mem3@bellsouth.net Ellen Mauldin. Church Librarian Amanda Corley, Child Care Director fpcccdirector@fpcstarkville.org

Visit Our Website for Ministry Resources and News: www.fpcstarkville.org

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A Congregation in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church – A Global Movement of Evangelical Christians

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