

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE (EPC)**

**MARCH 17, 2019**  
*THE SECOND SUNDAY DURING THE SEASON OF LENT*

**PRELUDE** *Ah, Holy Jesus* arr. Hamilton  
Jennifer Blackburn, organ

**WELCOME** Martin Lifer

\***INTROIT** (11:00 – Chancel Choir, Dr. Craig Aarhus, Dir.)

**CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST'S NAME**

Responsive Litany from Micah 5:2-5 Ben Jackson

Minister: [The LORD declares] **“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me the one who is to be Ruler in Israel – Whose goings forth are from of old: everlasting.”**

Therefore [the LORD] shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

**ALL: And He shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD – in the majesty of the Name of the LORD his God.**

Minister: And they shall dwell securely, for He shall be great to the ends of the earth.

**ALL: And He shall be their peace.**

**INVOCATION**

\***HYMN 656** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

**THE SEAL OF GOD'S WORD IN THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m. Service)**  
**Henry Lawrence Harrington, son of Zack and Hunter Harrington**

**ZACK AND HUNTER'S PROFESSIONS OF FAITH & COVENANT VOWS**

\***CONGREGATION'S COVENANTAL VOWS** Elder Sponsor – Jack Forbus

\***OUR AFFIRMATIONS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH (Unison)** Ben Jackson

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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 everlasting. Amen.

\***BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION** *adapted from the Liturgy of the French Reformed Church*

Henry – 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 welcome to the family of faith!

**BAPTISM AND BLESSING**

\***CONGREGATIONAL SONG** “*Child of Promise*”

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

**PRAYER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN** Martin Lifer (8:30); Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

**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.

**GOOD NEWS OF PEACE WITH GOD BY HIS MERCY**

\***RESPONSIVE HYMN 670 THE GLORIA PATRI**

\***LENTEN ANTHEM** (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *My Song is Love Unknown*

*\*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!

\* **HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

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

\***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

**OFFERTORY** *Jesus, I Come* arr. McDonald  
Jennifer Blackburn, piano

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**SCRIPTURE** **John 14:27 & 16:33; Philippians 4:4-13**  
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 901, 903 & 982)

**SERMON SERIES** *PRAY IN PENITENCE, PEACE, PRAISE, PASSION & POWER*

**TODAY'S SERMON** *Don't Pray for World Peace, Your Peace, or Their Peace;*  
*Pray in Perfect Peace: SHALOM!* Martin Lifer

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

**INVITATION TO FAITH AND TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST**

\***HYMN 478** *In His Presence* IN HIS PRESENCE

\***BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** *Amen* TRADITIONAL

**POSTLUDE** *Lamb of God* arr. Smith  
Jennifer Blackburn, piano

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**Deacon of the Month:** Vivian Cade

**Today's Ushers:** (8:30) – Bill Gamel; (11:00) – Billy Harrington, Jack Atkins

**Today's Greeters:** (8:30) – Susan Gamel; (11:00) – Brenda Harrington, Kirk Kinard

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.

**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).



**Welcome Back Spring Women's Social**

**THIS Tuesday Night (March 19),**

**5:30 p.m. at Kristin Hubbard's home, 119 Canna Ave.**

**All ladies, members and guests** (college students and women of all generations) –  
**Come join us for a fun evening of fellowship and food.**

We will serve a baked potato bar with chili.

Feel free to bring a sweet or dessert if you'd like (but not required).

Childcare available: Please speak to Kristen Skinner, or call the church office – to let us know if you need help with childcare during the social,... or if you have any other questions.

**TODAY'S KEY SERMON & SCRIPTURE NOTES**  
**(1) Don't Pray for World Peace, Your Peace, or Their Peace.**

(a) **Don't Pray for, Pay for, and Trust in the World's Peace.** John 14:27

Psalm 28:3 - Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, who speak peace to their neighbors, but evil *is* in their hearts.

(b) **Don't Pray for, Pay for, and Trust in Your Peace.**

(c) **Don't Pray for, Pay for, and Trust in Their Peace.**

**(2) Pure, Perfect, Pi Peace Comes from and Is in The Prince of Peace.**

Genesis 15, Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2-5, Luke 2:14, etc.

Ephesians 2:14-16 For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has torn down the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and decrees. He did this to create in Himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace and reconciling both of them to God in one body through the cross, by which He extinguished their hostility.

(3) **Get the Gospel ... and Pray that They Get the Gospel! “Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem!”**  
**Pray “Father, Hallowed Be Your Name; Your Kingdom Come!”** Psalm 122:6; Luke 11:2

Romans 5:1 - Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:15 - **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,...**

(4) **SHALOM: Learn the Secret. Philippians 4:11-13 ... and preceding verses.**

**(5) How to Pray in Perfect Peace – for the world, yourself & us, and for them.**  
**Philippians 4:4-7 & 4:8-9**

(a) **Always Rejoicing, Reasonable, and Ready.** (vv. 4-5)

(b) **Do not be anxious about anything.** (v. 6)

(c) **But in and through everything -- with supplication and thanksgiving -- “let your requests be made known to God.”** (v. 6)

(d) **Receive THE Answer to Your Prayers: The Blessing of God's Peace Guarding Your Hearts and Minds in Christ Jesus.** (v. 7)

(e) **Prioritize (Credit), Stay Your Mind on, and Practice Whatever is Just, Pure, Lovely, Commendable....“and the God of Peace will be with you.”** (vv. 8-9)

Isaiah 26:3 – **You keep him in perfect – the one whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.**

**Week of March 17, 2019**

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	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
<b>MONDAY:</b>	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (Ed. Bldg)
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	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)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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.	Dr. Lifer's <i>In Jesus' Footsteps</i> Bible Study for Men & Women
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	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**  
 March 19 – Paula Ivey      March 21 – Bob Boyd

**Prayer List**

Bruce Leopold; Danielle Gregory (friend of Bruce Leopold)  
 Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware  
 Paula Elliott  
 Sylvia Love  
 Ellen and Charlie Weatherly  
 Charles Atkinson  
 Allison Jackson  
 Marjorie Malone  
 Paula and Carl Ivey  
 Ross Collins  
 Tom McElroy  
 Billy and Brenda Harrington  
 Janet, Gary, and Jay Bardwell  
 Bob and Dot Forbus, and Raleigh Wood (brother, sister-in-law, and friend of Jack Forbus)  
 Thomas Guest (grandson of Charlie & Rubye Guest).  
 Gerlene Lifer  
 Beverly Smitherman (Ellen Mauldin's cousin)  
 Bobby Fleming (brother of Gloria Cade)  
 Frances Knoll Waltman and Cissy Knoll Thomas (Libby Gill's sister and mother)  
 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 Kevin McCauley, 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)  
 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  
 Mary Jo Wallace – The Blake at Flowood

**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](mailto:allidjackson@gmail.com), [bjackson@ccojubilee.org](mailto:bjackson@ccojubilee.org)).

**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

<b><u>Class of 2019</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2021</u></b>
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

<b><u>Class of 2019</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2021</u></b>
Peggy Branch	Tabor Mullen	Glenda Clark
Vivian Cade	Kristen Skinner	Jack Cook
Joel Downey	Johnny Fair	Peyton Fandel
Jason Ryder	Jeremy Murdock	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
Will Martin	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

Mission for March: Aretta Zitta - Young Life/Club Beyond Ministry

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

**Lesson: Week 5, The Messiah**

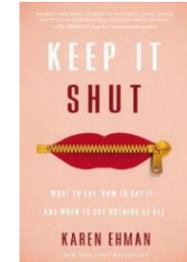
Monday, 3/18 – 7 pm, Location TBA Leader: Amy Weiskopf

**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: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Corn Nuggets, Rolls, Strawberry 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!*



**New Women's Study – Wednesday Nights**

Ladies, Join us in the Parlor starting this week!

*Keep It Shut: What to Say, How to Say It, and When to Say Nothing at All*

Karen Ehman addresses women and words with a kind, encouraging, and sometimes funny delivery. She explores what the Bible says about when to speak, when to remain silent. Please see Nancy Lifer or call the church office if you have any questions.



If you are interested in being part of our October 2019 Mission Trip to Visit Scotland and the Free Church of Scotland congregations we are helping God to plant in Haddington and Dundee, and if you have not yet spoken to Jack Forbus or to Dr. Lifer as we begin to make our arrangements – please speak to one of them, ... or leave a message this week with Rita Usher, Pastoral Secretary.

**Departure Date for the Mission Team is to be Friday, October 11 (arriving in Edinburgh Saturday, October 12).** Group members will have the option of returning either the weekend of October 18 or the weekend of October 25 (when Jack Forbus and Pastor Lifer will be returning, following the UKP Conference and Tour).



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



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**THE SECOND SUNDAY DURING THE SEASON OF LENT**

**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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**Office Hours**

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