### **Prayer List**

Sandy Ramsey & Family – following the death of Dero Ramsey

Robert McDavid & Family - following the death of Jean Alice McDavid

Lvdia Abraham

Dana Griffith & Matt Griffith (friends of Jetson & Bryn Taylor)

Jack & Lynda Forbus; Billy Forbus (Jack's brother)

Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaise (Janet's sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay's friend)

Wanda Hubbard

**Rubve Guest** 

Tindall Morrison's; Barbara Tindall (Tindall's Grandmother)

Billy Brown (father of Darinda Gruchy)

David Mote & Family (The Folsoms' nephew)

Wallace Cade; Earline Howell (Wallace's aunt)

Cynthia Ware

Albert & Glenda Clark

Janice Kinard

Allen & Barbara Johnson

Gloria Gentry

Charlie Weatherly

Andy Lawrence

LeeAnn Ioe

Andrew Whittenton

Ann McGregor (June Carpenter's Friend)

Peggy & Levette Johnson

Louis Lavallee (Esther Abraham's grandfather)

Judy Packer & John Clark Packer

Marybeth Baker (Mara Cox's Mom)

Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)

Ressie Carpenter

Rae Nell Crumpton

Gerlene Lifer; and Keitha Scott (Gerlene's friend)

Maxie Bruce (Brittney McAfee's father)

Delores Irvin (Diane Daniel's sister), Sarah Helen McCloskey & Craig D. Campbell

#### Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living

Lou Cross - The Goldton at Adelaide

Hilda Scholtes - The Goldton at Adelaide

Cattie Taylor – The Beehive, Starkville

Marjorie Malone

Class of 2024

**Bob Daniels** 

Jeff Foster

Charlie Guest

John Turner

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Larry Anthony

Vivian Cade

Michele Rackley

Lee Weiskopf

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Jackie Mullen	Caitlin Rackley	Alex Massingill

# **MINISTRY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES:**



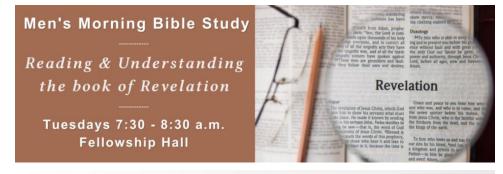




### All women - You're Invited!

Join the Women in the Word Sunday school class as we begin our next study this month. We will study the book of Titus, and learn guidelines for living at peace and how to react to those who teach false doctrine.

We meet at 9:30 on the second floor behind the Chapel. Please join us! If you have any questions please call or text Nancy Lifer at 843-290-8825





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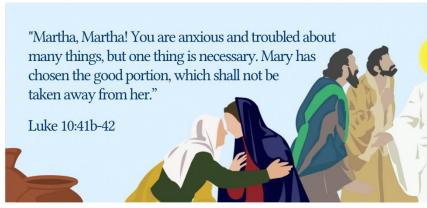
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## We Preach the *Doctrines of Grace* and are Part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)

Follow our church website, fpcstarkville.org: Grow spiritually on the solid foundation of God's Word in the Essentials of Our Faith, our daily Resources for you, and our Prayer & Mission updates.

# Fifth Sunday in Easter Season **April 28, 2024**



# **Sunday Morning Schedule**

Lord's Day Service | 10:30 AM

Sunday School | 9:30 AM Fellowship Time | 10:10 AM Chapel Service of the Word | 8:30 AM

Access more information and online resources:

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### Fifth Sunday in Easter Season, April 28, 2024 Lord's Day Service

**Prelude** (Jennifer Blackbourn)

Prelude in G

J.S. Bach

**Welcome and Invitations to Ministry Opportunities** 

Martin Lifer

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER IN CHRIST'S NAME TO WORSHIP

\*Call to Worship: Lamentations 3:22-24

Dean Franklin

Minister: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;

ALL: His mercies never come to an end!

Minister: They are new every morning.

ALL: O LORD – great is your faithfulness! My soul says:

"The LORD is my portion; therefore, I will hope in Him."

\*Hymn #96

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

\*Invocation

**Thanksgiving Celebrations for:** 

Mission Partner The Palmer Home for Children (Drake Bassett, Pres.); and the Morrison Family
Prayers of Praise, Confession, and Supplication

Martin Lifer

\*Assurance of God's Grace: Psalm 73:24-26

Pastor: You guide me with your counsel, and afterward You will receive me to glory.

ALL: Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You.

Pastor: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart.

ALL: And God is my portion forever.

\*Greeting Our Neighbors in the Gospel of Grace

**Good News for Children** 

Dean Franklin

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD OUR SAVIOR

\*Affirmation of Faith - from The (Westminster) Shorter Catechism Q. 1 Boston Hampton Minister: What is man's primary purpose?

ALL: Man's primary purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

\*Hvmn #668

The Doxology

Call to Give God His Tithe and Our Further Offerings

Dean Franklin

**Prayer of Dedication** 

**Offertory** Deep River Jennifer Blackbourn

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

**Scripture** Luke 9:28-35, 10:21-25 & 10:38-42 Pew Bible p. 867-869

[Psalms 73:21-28 & 16:5-6 and Luke 10:36-37]

Sermon Woman's Place? Choosing What Lasts Martin Lifer

\*Hymn #524 Seek Ye First

GOD'S WORD SEALED: THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table; Words of the Lord's Institution of the Supper Sursum Corda:

Martin Lifer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us lift up our hearts on high.... from whence He will come again.

ALL: We lift up our hearts to the Lord.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty - Who was, and is, and is to come!

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Consecration, and Petition

The Lord's Prayer (All): 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.

Sharing the Bread, and Sharing the Cup

\*Hymn #670 Glory Be to the Father

BLESSED AND SENT AS AMBASSADORS IN CHRIST'S NAME

\*Benediction

\*Response (ALL): Three-fold Amen; and Postlude



<sup>\*</sup>The congregation is invited to stand.

### Visiting with Us? We'd Love to Stay Connected!

Please fill out one of our FirstConnect Cards and drop it in the offering plate! Alternatively, you may scan our QR code or visit **fpcstarkville.org/connect**.

Want to find out more about faith in Christ, church membership, or ways to serve at FPC? Speak to Dean Franklin, Pastor Martin Lifer, or send an email to Pastor Martin at mwlifer3@gmail.com.



#### Woman's Place? Choosing What Lasts

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ April 28, 2024/ Luke 10:38-42

Kenza Haddock, An Ex-Muslim's Guide to Christianity (April 2024)

Kingdom Gospel: Jesus saves us from ourselves (being our own gods & saviors). Gen. 3:4,15

Don't *fly-by* or *stand over* Jesus, unloading on Him to fix *your* people, worries & troubles *by your word*. Sit at His Feet; Lose & Find Yourself in Him; live *by* HIS Word.

Martha: A Controller – insisting on "serving" the Lord & her family HER way;

a Doer by the Law, doing before listening; "Anxious & Troubled about many things"

- → Angry at Mary
- → Angry at Jesus (Who doesn't answer her prayers HER Way, so "doesn't care.")
- → Standing to put Him to the test cf. Torah expert stood to put Him to the test Martha, expert in the way we do things in our family stood up to put Him to the test

Peter's **Doing-before-listening**, and **God's Rebuke**: "Let us make three tabernacles:..." [God] "**THIS** is **MY SON**, the Chosen One; **LISTEN to Him!**"

Mary: At King Jesus' Feet, LISTENING [ēkouen] to His WORD [ton logon autēs]:

- His DISCIPLE: HEARS His Word & DOES it, in His Kingdom Mission.
- Undividedly Belonging & Submitted to Him, not to others or their agendas.

At peace & a free woman with others, even her controlling older sister (freed from fighting, defensiveness, or people-pleasing)

WITH Jesus  $\rightarrow$  At peace with herself (through Him), not distracted or anxious with striving after many things to justify herself; able to enjoy (worship) and hear Him.

Listening, not unloading! Focused on His love & being shaped by His Word, not her 1,000+ feelings, thoughts & agendas.

"Martha, Martha! You are anxious and troubled about many things,

but one thing/small [oligon] is necessary. → Subtract & focus! Go SMALL! Go One!

For Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken from her."

The LORD is my chosen PORTION and MY CUP; You hold my lot. Ps. 16:5

One *thing* I've asked of the LORD, that will I seek: to **dwell** שָׁבְתַּי [lit. **SIT**] in the **LORD's House** all my life's days, to **gaze upon** the **LORD's beauty**, and **to inquire** in his Temple. Ps. 24:7

Whom have I in heaven but You? And there's nothing on earth I desire besides You. My flesh & my heart may fail. The strength of my heart & my portion is God, forever! Ps. 73:25-26