

Prayer List

Jimmy Lee Dodd
 Betty Ann & Johnny Folsom, together with the Aarhus family & other family members -- following the death Betty Ann's older brother, Glenn Lambeth
 Peggy Johnson
 Charlie & Rubye Guest
 Don & Kathy Curto
 Barbara Tindall (Tindall Morrison's Grandmother)
 Nancy Hopkins, Sandy & Stan Rogers (Olivia Whittenton's Family)
 Albert Clark
 Earline Howell (Wallace Cade's Aunt)
 John Clark Packer
 Cynthia Ware
 Jennifer Blackburn
 Gloria Gentry
 Barbara Johnson
 Andy Lawrence
 Lydia Abraham
 Lea Pitre (Diane King's Neighbor)
 Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)
 Margaret Collins
 Roxene Atkinson
 Thelma Purdy (Neena Howell's mother and Dylan Franklin's grandmother)
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaie (Janet's sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay's friends)
 Libby Stephan & Jayna McQuade (daughters of Sara Wilson)
 Lesa Rhodes & Hugh Shurden (Sandy Jackson's cousin and father)
 Maxie Bruce (Brittney McAfee's father)
 Ressie Carpenter
 Jean Alice McDavid
 Bob Forbus (Jack Forbus's brother); Staci Moak (Jack's daughter)
 Rae Nell Crumpton
 Gerlene Lifer; and Keitha Scott (Gerlene's friend)
 Dr. Joe Brown
 Roy D. Dreher, Jr. (Jennie Beth Chance's father)
 Delores Irvin (Diane Daniel's sister), Sarah Helen McCloskey & Craig D. Campbell (Daniels' friend)

Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living
 Dero Ramsey – The Goldton
 Carl Ivey, Sr., & Nina Ivey – The Goldton
 Lou Cross – The Goldton
 Jimmy Lee Dodd – Huntsville, AL
 Hilda Scholtes – The Goldton
 Cattie Taylor – The Beehive, Starkville
 Marjorie Malone

FPC Officers

Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator // Andrew Fountain, Clerk of Session
 Bob Daniels, Corporate President // Lee Weiskopf, Treasurer

Session of Elders

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Richard Blackburn	Bob Daniels	Larry Anthony
Andrew Fountain	Jeff Foster	Vivian Cade
John Kelley	Charlie Guest	Michele Rackley
Kristen Skinner	John Turner	Lee Weiskopf

Board of Deacons

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Debbie Cooper	Bob Boyd	Haley Graves
Johnny Folsom	Boston Hampton	Wayne Huberty
Mike Jackson	Robbie Holditch	Dalton Miller
Alex Massingill	Jackie Mullen	Caitlin Rackley

Wednesday, October 4, Dinner Menu

Adult Plate: Swedish meatballs, pasta, green beans, chocolate cake

Kids Plate: Corndog Nuggets, tater tots, & jello

Name _____

Phone # _____

of Adult Plates _____ # of Kids Plates _____



To sign up, drop this tear-off form in the offering plate, or scan the code for the online form by Monday, October 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CIRCLES
 Women's Bible Study Circles are back!
 CHOOSE ONE TO ATTEND:
 • Sunday, October 8 - 8 a.m. - Parlor
 • Monday, October 9 - 1:30 p.m. - Parlor
 • Tuesday, October 17 - 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
 REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS: 662-323-1994

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FPC ARE BACK!
 All are welcome to join us for men's, women's, children & youth bible studies!
 Dinner at 5:15 p.m.
 Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

YOUTH FALL RETREAT BAY SPRINGS LAKE
 NOVEMBER 10-12 | \$150
 Scan the QR Code to sign up!

Harvest Fest 2023
 Join us on October 8th for Harvest Fest at Robinson Lake from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed for Fall Fest!
 We need help cleaning up after our Fall Fest event on October 8th. If you are willing to stay and serve, please reach out to **Bryn Taylor**.



Thanksgiving to God and congratulations to Nicole Johnson & Ben Cooper following their wedding at FPC on Saturday, September 30th.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STARKVILLE

Starkville's Church that Preaches the *Doctrines of Grace*
 Part of the *Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

October 1, 2023
 Eighteenth Lord's Day
 After Pentecost

You will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 3:15

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:
fpcstarkville.org

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October 1, 2023
Lord's Day Service

Prelude *Sing Praise to God* Jennifer Blackburn
Welcome & Announcements Martin Lifer

God Calls Us

Call to Worship *Adapted from Ephesians 1:3* Dean Franklin

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places!

***Invocation**
***Hymn #98** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON
Anthem *Sweet, sweet spirit* Chancel Choir

God Cleanses Us

Confession of Sin Martin Lifer

Holy God,
We are sinners. Please forgive us:
For following our opinions rather than your Truth;
For turning our attention to TV or social media more often than to your Word;
For remaining silent about your gospel rather than sharing it with unbelievers.

O Father,
Please hear each of us now in the Name of Jesus Christ, as we confess our sin.
Lead us to true repentance, that we may partake of his Body and Cup in a worthy manner.

***Assurance of God's Grace** *from Psalm 103:8,10,12*

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

***Hymn #670** *Glory Be to the Father* GREATORIX
God Consecrates Us

Good News for Children Dean Franklin
***Confession of Faith** *Apostles' Creed* Martin Lifer

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.

***Hymn #668** *Doxology* OLD 100TH

Call to Give God His Tithe and Our Offerings Dean Franklin

Offertory+ *The Longer I Serve Him* Jennifer Blackburn

Prayer for Illumination Martin Lifer

Scripture *Luke 7:24-28; 1 Timothy 3:14-15* Pew Bible pp. 864, 992

Sermon *God's Church Stands for the Truth* Martin Lifer

***Hymn #456** (vv. 1 & 4) *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

God Communes with Us

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:
Sign and Seal of God's New Testament

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Words of the Lord's Institution and Blessing of the Supper

Sursum Corda: The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us lift up our hearts on high – where Jesus Christ is, in the glory of his Father, and from whence Christ, our Redeemer, will come again.

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 Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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

Sharing the Cup

Prayer of Thanks and Covenant Commission

God Commissions Us

***Hymn #394** (vv. 1 & 2) *In Christ There Is No East or West* ST. PETER

*Response to the Good News of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior

All our sins,
We send to the Cross of Christ!

All our troubles,
We send to the Cross of Christ!

All the devil's works,
We send to the Cross of Christ!

All our hopes,
We set on the Risen Christ!

***Sung Response** *Threefold Amen* DANISH



Postlude *Thine Is the Glory* Jennifer Blackburn



*The congregation is invited to stand.



Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God.
If you are interested in providing flowers for Sunday, please reach out to Olivia at 662-323-1994

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 fpestarkville.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.



God's Church Stands for the Truth

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ October 1, 2023
Luke 7:24-28; 1 Timothy 3:14-15

Unshaken by the Wind Standing True North

iGen: Why Today's Super-Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy – and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood – and What That Means for the Rest of Us. Jean Twenge

We are not to be children, tossed to & fro by waves, carried about by every wind of teaching. Eph. 4:14

I have set the LORD continually before me; *because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.* Ps. 16:8

Lk. 7:24-28a Jesus (a) Asks 3 Questions re John & (b) Identifies Him as Ultimate OT Prophet

“A reed shaken by the wind?”

“A man dressed in soft clothing? those ... dressed in splendid clothing ... are in kings’ courts.”

“A prophet? Yes... and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your Way before you.’ I tell you, among those born of women, there is no one greater than John. Lk. 7:26-28a [quoting Mal. 3:1]

Lk. 7:27-28 Jesus’ Identification of (a) Himself & (b) Us - Born to God’s NT Kingdom/ House

“Yet the one who is the least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he [i.e. John].”

1 Tim. 3:15 God’s Church Stands for Truth: Openly & Solidly in Christ

God’s household = _____ of the Living God

= a _____ & _____ of the Truth: Openly & Solidly. Solomon named Temple’s Two Pillars “Jachin” & “Boaz.” 1 Kg. 7:21 Heb. “He shall establish” & “in (His) strength.”

Truth = the Word of Truth = the gospel of your salvation Eph. 1:13; cf. 2 Tim. 2:15

Jesus = Truth: True North same yesterday, today & forever: “the Way, the Truth & the Life.”

We Stand for Truth Together in Him: Communion – Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego Dan. 3