

Prayer List

Margaret Collins
 Gwen McReynolds
 Cynthia Ware
 The Peace of Jerusalem & Israel; all persons grieving bereaved by the killing or abduction of loved ones in the current war in Israel and Gaza; all hostages; first responders and those in military service; all ministry leaders of our mission partner, CMJ-Israel; US armed forces members; ... and all other tourists visiting Israel and surrounding nations this month.

Hugh Shurden, Sandy Jackson, Jim Rhodes & Family following the death of Lesa Rhodes (Jim's wife & Sandy's cousin)

Peggy Johnson
 Andrew Whittenton
 Don & Kathy Curto
 Barbara Tindall (Tindall Morrison's Grandmother)
 Albert Clark
 Earline Howell (Wallace Cade's Aunt)
 John Clark Packer
 Clayton Butler (son of the Lifer's friends, Gary & Kristen Butler)
 Gloria Gentry
 Barbara Johnson
 Andy Lawrence
 Lydia Abraham
 Lea Pitre (Diane King's Neighbor)
 Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)
 Libby Stephan & Jayna McQuade (daughters of Sara Wilson)
 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 Necaice (Janet's sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay's friends)
 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)
 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

Carl Ivey, Sr., & Nina Ivey – The Goldton
 Jimmy Lee Dodd – Huntsville, AL
 Dero Ramsey – The Goldton
 Lou Cross – The Goldton
 Hilda Scholtes – The Goldton
 Cattie Taylor – The Beehive, Starkville
 Marjorie Malone

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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

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Debbie Cooper	Bob Boyd	Haley Graves
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Wednesday, October 25, Dinner Menu

Adult Plate: Baked Potato & Salad Bar, Oreo Delight

Kids Plate: Pizza, Green Beans, & Cupcakes

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 22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FPC
 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.

Men's Morning Bible Study
 Introduction to Reading & Understanding the book of Revelation
 Tuesdays 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

STEWARDSHIP LUNCH
 JOIN US NOVEMBER 12TH FOR LUNCH FOLLOWING OUR 10:30 SERVICE.

We are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child throughout the year!
 THIS MONTH:
 Toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, pencils, scissors, markers, crayons & girl toys

The visitation committee is looking for donations of small bud vases.
 If you'd like to donate, please bring them to the church office. Or reach out to Alex Massingill.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STARKVILLE

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

October 22, 2023
 Twenty-first Lord's Day
 After Pentecost

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

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:

fpcestarkville.org

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October 22, 2023
Lord's Day Service

Prelude *All Creatures of Our God and King* Marquita Beaty
Welcome & Announcements Martin Lifer
Call to Worship *from Luke 12:6 and Psalm 84:2-4* Dean Franklin

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?
And not one of them is forgotten before God.
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars – O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are those who dwell in Your House!
They are ever praising You!

***Invocation** Dean Franklin
***Hymn #93** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* SPARROW
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession Martin Lifer

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.

Anthem *Holy* Chancel Choir
Confession of Sin Dean Franklin

Holy God, Giver of Life,
Have mercy on us and on our world. We continually sin, wage war, and bring death, instead of turning to your life-giving Word.

Our Father,
Now, for ourselves – as disciples of your Son, Jesus – we ask that You please forgive us and empower us know and live by your Word. Each day this week, may I not make excuses but, instead, devote focused and faithful time to reading, cherishing, and obeying your life-giving Word.

***Assurance of God's Grace** *adapted from 1 Peter 1:22-23*
We have been born again – not of perishable seed but of imperishable seed, through the living and abiding Word of God!

***Hymn #668** *Doxology* OLD 100TH
Call to Give God His Tithe and Our Offerings Martin Lifer
Offertory+ *Prayer for Peace* Marquita Beaty
***Confession of Faith** *from The (Westminster) Larger Catechism, Q. 1* Dean Franklin

What is the primary highest purpose of human beings?
The primary and highest purpose of human beings is to glorify God and to enjoy him completely forever.

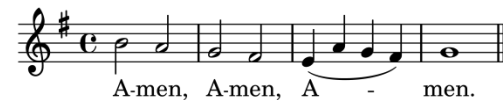
***Hymn #670** *Glory Be to the Father* GREATORIX
Good News for Children Kristen Skinner
***Hymn #343** *Word of God, Speak* WORD OF GOD, SPEAK
***Prayer for Illumination** *from Psalm 119:18* Martin Lifer
Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things from your instruction.

Scripture *Luke 8:1-3* Pew Bible pp. 864
Sermon *Love Much* Martin Lifer
***Hymn #88** *Abide with Me* EVENTIDE

***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!

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



Postlude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Marquita Beaty



**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 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.

Love Much

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ October 22, 2023/
Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Luke 8:1-3

Love the LORD your God with all your **heart** & all your **soul** & all your **might** [lit. **much(ness)**]/resources] *Deut. 6:(4-5) Greatest & Core Covenant Commandment*

Mishnah & Classical Rabbinic Rule: Slaves, Women & Minors exempt from saying *(also Gentiles)*

Jesus' Beloved Family of Hearers & Doers – Exemplified by Women WHO LOVED MUCH: Remembering their PAST, they gave fully their PRESENCE & PARTNERSHIP, and PERSEVERED to PROFESS

8:1-3 Jesus Begins Cycle #2 of Publicly Proclaiming the Kingdom Gospel (Mainly in Galilee)
8:1a-b And it came about soon afterwards, He went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the Good News of the Kingdom.

Central to *bringing the Good News* of the Kingdom? Beloved Community of New-Heart Disciples.

8:1a And it came about soon afterwards,... After What? Jesus & 2 Debtors: Simon & Sinful Woman

"Her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for as evidence she has loved much." Lk. 7:47

8:1c-3 With Him: (a) The 12 & (b) Women who had been _____ Women with a Past!

Mary, called Magdalene – from whom seven demons had gone out (!) – and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and MANY others –

who provided for them out of their means.

LOVE MUCH with ALL MY PAST, PRESENCE, PARTNERSHIP & PERSEVERANCE!

1) Remember my PAST – not in self-hating guilt but in loving gratitude for his grace.

2) Love Him fully with my PRESENCE "With Him"

3) Love Him fully with my financial PARTNERSHIP.

"provided for them" (Jesus and his Twelve & disciples: the Church) "out of their means"

4) PERSEVERE in love through Trials to PROFESS Him Lord. Lk. 23:49, 23:55-24:10

"You have abandoned your first love. Remember from where you have fallen; repent & do..." Rev. 2:4b-5