

## Prayer List

Hugh Shurden ( Sandy Jackson’s Father)  
 Harold Knight & Family following Scottie Knight joining the Church Triumphant  
 The family of Dr. Jimmy Dodd after joining the Church Triumphant on Thursday Night  
 Cynthia Ware  
 Margaret Collins  
 Wanda Hubbard  
 Gwen McReynolds  
 Charlie Guest  
 Marybeth Baker (Mara Cox’s Mom)  
 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.

Roxene Atkinson  
 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)  
 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 Necaize (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  
 Dero Ramsey – The Goldton  
 Lou Cross – The Goldton  
 Hilda Scholtes – The Goldton  
 Cattie Taylor – The Beehive, Starkville

### 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 Blackbourn	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
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Alex Massingill	Jackie Mullen	Caitlin Rackley

### Wednesday, November 8, Dinner Menu

Adult Plate: Smothered Chicken, Salad, Peach Cobbler  
 Kids Plate: Popcorn Chicken & Cookies

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, November 6

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us TODAY for our packing party!

*Operation Christmas Child Packing Party*  
 Join us November 5th after our 10:30 service for our Operation Christmas Child Packing party!  
 All are welcome to join us in packing shoeboxes!

*With all my heart*  
**Stewardship Lunch 2024**  
 JOIN US NOVEMBER 12TH FOR LUNCH FOLLOWING OUR 10:30 SERVICE.

**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.

**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*

**ALL SAINTS' DAY**  
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

## 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](http://fpcstarkville.org)

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**Prelude** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* Jennifer Blackburn  
**Welcome & Announcements** Martin Lifer

**Call to Worship** *from Hebrews 12:1-2 & Revelation 14:13*

Therefore,  
since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us also rid ourselves of every weight and the sin that so easily entangles us, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus – the founder and perfecter of our faith.  
For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this:  
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

**\*Remembrance for Those Who Have Joined the Church Triumphant**  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*Hymn #595** *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE  
Dean Franklin

**Confession of Sin**  
Loving God our Father,  
You are the supreme Giver. You shower us with, grace, and mercy, and blessings that we could never earn. We confess our sins of ingratitude and selfishness. Christ our Lord, we ignore You and disobey your command for us to be faithful stewards in your Church’s Great Commission. All-giving Father, please discipline and transform our hearts, so that we might truly be your children – cheerful givers who love You. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who became poor so that we could become rich.

**\*Assurance of God’s Grace** *from 2 Corinthians 9:8-9*

God is able to make all grace abound to you,  
So that, having all sufficiency in all things at all times, we may abound in every good work.  
As it is written,  
“He has distributed freely; He has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

**\*Hymn #670** *Gloria Patri* OLD 100TH  
**Anthem** *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee* Chancel Choir

**Gospel Invitation to the Blessings of Stewardship Season** Martin Lifer

**Pastoral Prayers of 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.

**Good News for Children** Amy Aarhus  
**\*Confession of Faith** *The 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 #113** *He Giveth More Grace* HE GIVETH MORE GRACE  
**\*Prayer for Illumination** *from Psalm 119:18* Martin Lifer  
**Scripture** *Luke 8:1-21* Pew Bible pp. 864  
**Sermon** *Who Is with Jesus* Martin Lifer

**Call to Give God His Tithe, Our Offerings, and Stewardship Pledges**  
**Offertory** *Blessed Assurance* Jennifer Blackburn  
**\*Hymn #598** (sung twice) *Find Us Faithful* FIND US FAITHFUL

**\*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** *Give Thanks Unto God* Jennifer Blackburn



*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*



Today’s Sanctuary flowers are given by Beverly Jones 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](http://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](mailto:mwlifer3@gmail.com).*



**Worship on the Hill**  
WITH THE R.U.F WORSHIP BAND

**Join us TODAY**  
**November 5th at 4:30**

**FOOD & FELLOWSHIP AFTER**

**Who Is with Jesus**

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ November 5, 2023/ Luke 8:1-21

Family Identification Who Is with Jesus? Am I in His Family?

“My mother & my brothers are **Those who \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God.**” *Lk. 8:21*

**Lk. 8:1-21 Jesus – By His Word – Creates a Church of Hearers AND Doers Bearing Fruit**  
**8:1-3 & 8:19-21** Jesus Preaches & Brings the Kingdom Gospel in **(1) Word AND (2) Koinonia**  
**8:4-18** Parables on (1) Kingdom Mysteries & (2) **Hearing AND Living the Word Fruitfully**

**WORD brings both, a) \_\_\_\_\_ AND b) \_\_\_\_\_ → a) through b)**

**Jesus’ Wake-Up Call: “Therefore, take care \_\_\_\_\_ you hear.** *Lk. 8:18a [cf. Mk. 4:24-25]*

*Jn. 15:5-6 “Whoever remains in Me bears MUCH fruit.... If anyone does not remain in Me... thrown into the fire.”*

“Faith alone justifies, but **faith that justifies is never alone.**” J. Calvin / “Faith cannot justify ...without works, because it is dead.... can no more be separated from works than the sun from its heat.”

**Lk. 8:8/15 Some in good soil: “Hearing the Word, hold it fast in an Honest & Good Heart and bring forth Fruit with Perseverance.”**

**“Take care HOW you hear, for the one who has, more will be given, & from the one who has not, even what he thinks he has will be taken away.”** *Lk. 8:19 [cf. Mk. 4:24-25]*

Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, & he will love you. Give to a wise man, & he’ll be still wiser; teach a righteous man, & he’ll increase in learning. *Prov. 9:8-9*

**Lk. 8:19-21** Jesus Identifies His True-Heart Family: **Hearers & Doers Who Love MUCH → Fruit**

“My mother & my brothers ... are **HEARING & DOING** [πoιoυvτες] **the Word of God.**” *Lk. 8:21*

**Who Is with Jesus**

**WITH HIM:** women ... healed ... who were **providing for them out of their means.** *Lk. 8:1-3*  
*Jn. 15:8 “Father is glorified, that you bear MUCH fruit & prove to be MY disciples.”*