

Prayer List

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

Cynthia Ware
Rilda Cox
Margaret Collins
Sylvia & Larry Melton (Kathy Wright's parents)
Wanda Hubbard
Billy & Bob Forbus (Jack Forbus's brothers); Staci Moak (Jack's daughter)
Albert and Glenda Clark
Gloria Cade (following the death of her classmate and friend, Kay Martin)
Earline Howell (Wallace Cade's Aunt)
Hugh Shurden (Sandy Jackson's Father)
Gloria Gentry
Roxene Atkinson
Peggy Johnson
Lydia Abraham
Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)
Marybeth Baker (Mara Cox's Mom)
Andrew Whittenton
Don & Kathy Curto
Barbara Tindall (Tindall Morrison's Grandmother)
John Clark Packer
Barbara Johnson
Andy Lawrence
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)
Maxie Bruce (Brittney McAfee's father)
Ressie Carpenter
Jean Alice McDavid
Rae Nell Crumpton
Gerlene Lifer; and Keitha Scott (Gerlene's friend)
Clayton Butler (son of the Lifer's friends, Gary & Kristen Butler)
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
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

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DEC. 10 // 8:30 & 10:30 Service
CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM @10:30
2nd Sunday of Advent

DEC. 17 // 8:30 & 10:30 service
CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM @ 10:30
3rd Sunday of Advent

DEC. 24 // 10:30 AM
UNIFIED WORSHIP SERVICE
4th Sunday of Advent

DEC. 24// 5:00 PM
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE
Christmas Eve Service

DEC. 31// 10:30 AM
UNIFIED WORSHIP SERVICE
New Years Eve Service



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STARKVILLE

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

2nd Sunday in Advent
December 10, 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:
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December 10, 2023
Lord's Day Service

Prelude Carol of the Bells Jennifer Blackburn

Welcome & Announcements Martin Lifer

Call to Worship: Lighting the Second Advent Candle The Kemp Family

Invocation

*Hymn #175 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

Pastoral Prayers 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.

FPC Children Sing

After the children sing, children of ALL ages (including 3rd-5th Graders) – Please join us for TLC, in which we will learn and practice the Christmas songs we will be singing in worship next Sunday.

*Confession of Sin Dean Franklin

O Emmanuel,

You are God with us. Forgive us for not being with You. Please change our hearts and save us from the condemnation of unbelievers whose god is their belly and whose time and finances during Christmas are expended on themselves rather than on your Church and Kingdom. Renew us in the joy of wholeheartedly sharing in your Church's gospel mission to all people.

* Assurance of God's Grace from Philippians 3:18-21

For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame – because their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And from it, we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

*Hymn #378 (vv. 1 & 2) I Am Resolved RESOLUTION

Choir Anthem

*Confession of Faith from The Essentials of Our Faith (of the EPC) Article 7 Dean Franklin

The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to “Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.” He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them”

*Hymn #668 Doxology OLD 100th

*Call to Give God His Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory Let There Be Peace on Earth Jennifer Blackburn

Give Online: fpcstarkville.org/give

Give by Mail: First Presbyterian Church, 307 University Drive, Starkville, MS 39759

*Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 9:1-6

Pew Bible pp. 866

Sermon

Christian on Purpose with Power

Martin Lifer

*Hymn #182

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

*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

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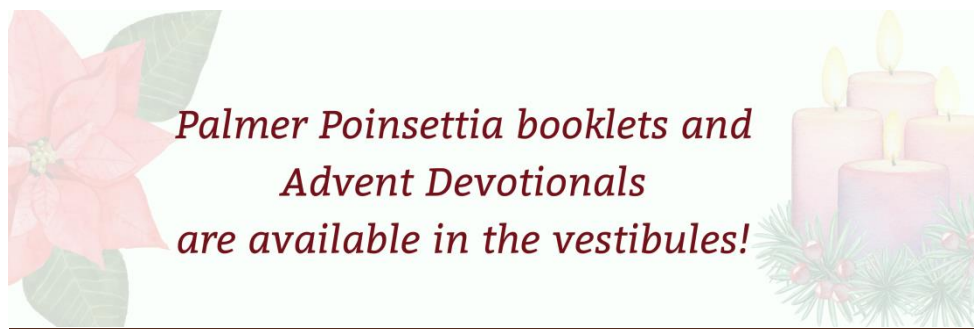
Postlude

Jennifer Blackburn



*The congregation is invited to stand.

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Christian on Purpose with Power

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ December 10, 2023/ Luke 9:1-6

Jesus did not call and form a church of committees or train his disciples to be chair-sitters, club-creators, or complainers (i.e. Pharisees)

He calls people to follow Him into Kingdom Mission on _____ with _____

Lk. 8:1-9:50 - 2d Cycle of Jesus' Public Ministry before 'He set his face to go to Jerusalem.' (9:51) Jesus prepares his disciples to be &to lead His Church-in-Mission.

“One cannot embody authentic discipleship [without knowing in faith] the nature of Jesus' Person & Work; yet one cannot ... comprehend [His] Person & Work apart from... discipleship.” J. Green, The Gospel of Luke, p.352 [e.& i. s.]

Am I a Christian on Purpose ... with Power? Fruit? Stewardship Faith? Witness?

Christians' Purpose & Christians' Power

Jesus began proclaiming the Kingdom in Word & Action w/ Authority & Power, incl. over demons & disease. Lk. 4 Now He calls & gives The 12 Authority & Power and same mission. 9:1-6

9:1-2 – The 12 represent New Israel/Church-in-Mission [named as a group or indiv. Name given 12 x in 9:1-49]

True Christians worship, give & serve on purpose with power, not mere talk. 1 Cor. 4:20.

Christians' Provision: Living by Faith Alone in Christ Alone 9:3-4 – “Take nothing (!) for your journey:...”

Christians' Prophetic Role vis-à-vis those who don't receive and/or don't give 9:5 – “... shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.”

Christians' Participate in His mission to save others... and in His Eternal Inheritance 9:6 – “They departed & went... preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.”