

Prayer List

Nelson Jones & Andy Lawrence
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaie (Janet's sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay's friend)
 Wanda Hubbard
 Margaret & Ross Collins
 Rubye Guest
 Cynthia Ware
 David Mote & Family (The Folsoms' nephew)
 Allen & Barbara Johnson
 Gloria Gentry
 Charlie Weatherly
 Lydia Abraham
 Glenda & Albert Clark
 Phil Gruchy
 Andrew Whittenton
 Sylvia & Larry Melton (Kathy Wright's parents)
 Earline Howell (Wallace Cade's Aunt)
 Peggy & Levette Johnson
 Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)
 Judy Packer & John Clark Packer
 Marybeth Baker (Mara Cox's Mom)
 Barbara Tindall (Tindall Morrison's Grandmother)
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)
 Ressie Carpenter
 Rae Nell Crumpton
 Hugh Shurden (Sandy Jackson's Father)
 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
 Billy & Bob Forbus (Jack Forbus's brothers); Staci Moak (Jack's daughter)
 Eliza Jones

Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living

Dero Ramsey – The Goldton
 Martha Wade- Home
 Lou Cross – The Goldton
 Hilda Scholtes – The Goldton
 Cattie Taylor – The Beehive, Starkville
 Marjorie Malone –The Goldton

Dodd Family - Please also pray for the family of longtime, beloved member Jimmy Lee Dodd, as they prepare for our special services tomorrow (Feb. 12): Visitation (9:30-10:45 a.m., Sanctuary); Memorial Service (11:00 a.m., Sanctuary); and Graveside Interment Service (Noon, Odd Fellows Cemetery)

FPC Officers

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

Session of Elders			Board of Deacons		
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Bob Daniels	Larry Anthony	Jim Beaty	Bob Boyd	Haley Graves	Jack Atkins
Jeff Foster	Vivian Cade	Andrew George	Boston Hampton	Wayne Huberty	Richard Blackbourn
Charlie Guest	Michele Rackley	Carl Ivey	Robbie Holditch	Dalton Miller	Jay Cook
John Turner	Lee Weiskopf	John Kelley	Jackie Mullen	Caitlin Rackley	Alex Massingill

Wednesday, February 14, Dinner Menu

Adult Plate: Pot Roast, Mac & Cheese, Banana Pudding

Kids Plate: Chicken Sliders & Banana Pudding

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, February 11th

MINISTRY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES:

Ash Wednesday

02.14.24

*On a day we dedicate to love,
 spend time with us thinking about
 the ultimate love of Jesus.*

5:15 p.m. – Fellowship Meal
 6:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday
 Communion Service

Keenagers Valentines Party

JOIN US FEBRUARY 14TH AT 11:30 FOR THE
 KEENAGER VALENTINES PARTY!

PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 10TH.
 BEVERLY JONES: 662-435-9741
 PEGGY BRANCH: 662-418-1310

Men's Morning Bible Study

*Reading & Understanding
 the book of Revelation*

Tuesdays 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Hall



SAVE THE DATE VBS 2024
THE GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY
 Answers VBS
June 10th–June 13th

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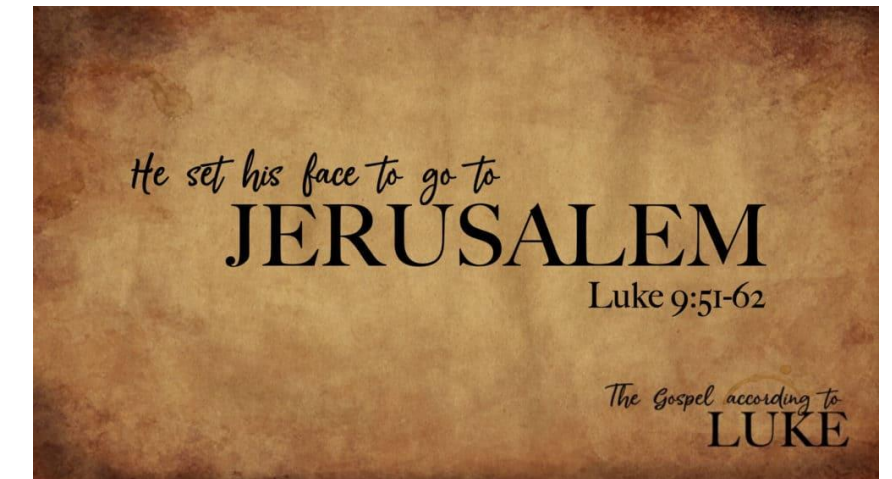


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We Preach the *Doctrines of Grace* and
 Are Part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)

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

Transfiguration Sunday
 February 11, 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:
fpcstarkville.org

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE
Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 2024
Lord's Day Service

Prelude *Love Medley* Jennifer Blackburn
Welcome & Announcements Martin Lifer
Call to Worship *Isaiah 43:18-19 & Philippians 3:13b-14* Dean Franklin
[The LORD our God says] “Forget the former things!
Do not dwell on the past! See, I do a new thing; now it springs up. Do you not know it? I will make a Way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”
I do not consider that I have yet made it my own. But one thing I do:
Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal – for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

***Hymn #434** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
Invocation
Anthem *Seek First the Kingdom* Chancel Choir
Good News from Mission Partner Aaron Musser (Jordan)
***Hymn # 668** *Doxology* OLD HUNDRETH
Call to Give God His Tithe, and Our Offerings
Offertory *Jesus Loves Me* Jennifer Blackburn
***Prayers of Confession, Petition & 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.

***Assurance of God's Grace** *Revelation 2:7* Martin Lifer
He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches:
“To the one who conquers, I will grant to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the Paradise of God.”

***Greeting Our Neighbors in the Grace of Christ**
Good News for Children Boston Hampton
***Confession of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*
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 #82** v. 1&3 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Scripture *Luke 9:28-31 & 9:46-56*
Sermon *Openly Face the Future* Martin Lifer
***Hymn #83** *Be Thou My Vision*
***Benediction** Martin Lifer
***Hymn #670** *Glory Be to the Father*
Postlude Jennifer Blackburn



**The congregation is invited to stand.*



Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God.

If you are interested in providing flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please reach out to Olivia in the Church Office 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.



Openly Face the Future

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ February 11, 2024/ Luke 9:46-56

Then it came to pass as the days were being fulfilled for His _____,
analēmpseōs autou

He _____ his face to go to Jerusalem. *Lk. 9:51*

Is my focus fixed on my final destination?

Lord, please open me to face *and* move forward toward YOUR future – *with You!*

Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory, Tod Bolsinger

Lewis & Clark couldn't canoe across the Rockies. There was no river pass. Paddling harder in the air or doing what they had always known in Virginia, in the past, wouldn't work.

They needed to _____ their canoes & be open to _____ to face the future.

1) Face the Future with hearts, hands & agendas Humbly Open to His Providence.

Pride: Internal Infighting *as to which of them was the greatest* *Lk. 9:46*

“Whoever receives this child in My Name receives **Me**, and whoever receives Me receives Him Who sent Me. For the least among you all is the one who is great.” *Lk. 9:48*

“no point to being at Jesus' side unless one is humble enough to be at a child's side.” Moessner

Pride: Territorial Jealousy *[John] We tried to stop him, because he's NOT ONE OF US!* *Lk. 9:49*

“Do not stop him, for the one who is not against you is _____you.” *Lk. 9:50; Num. 11:29*

2) Face the Future with no delays or excuses but One with Jesus' a) Exodus & Ascension at Jerusalem, b) Mission for Us from Jerusalem & c) Return to Jerusalem.

a) One with Jesus' Exodus & Ascension at Jerusalem *Lk. 9:30-31, 9:51; Ezek. 21:2; Acts 1:2,11,22*

b) One with Jesus' Mission for Us beginning from Jerusalem *Lk. 24:47; Acts 1:8*

c) One with Jesus' Return to Jerusalem *Acts 1:11; Zech. 14:2-5; Joel 3:1-2*

3) Face the Future not in vengeance but Open to Christ's Wisdom & Priorities.

[Samaritan village] Did not welcome Him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. *Lk. 9:53*

When his disciples James & John saw it, they said, **“Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them [just as Elijah did]?”** *Lk. 9:54; 2 Kgs. 1:19-12*

But He turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village. *Lk. 9:55-56*

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