

**Prayer List**

The family of Rev. Robert “Bob” Crumpton following his death. (Brother of Bill Crumpton)  
 Nelson Jones & Andy Lawrence  
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaise (Janet’s sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay’s friend)  
 Wanda Hubbard  
 LeeAnn Joe  
 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**

Martha Wade- Home  
 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 // John Kelley, Clerk of Session  
 Bob Daniels, Corporate President // Lee Weiskopf, Treasurer

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John Turner	Lee Weiskopf	John Kelley	Jackie Mullen	Caitlin Rackley	Alex Massingill

**Wednesday, February 21, Dinner Menu**

Adult Plate: Cheese Chicken Spaghetti, Veggies, Rolls, Chocolate Cake  
 Kids Plate: Corndog Nuggets, French Fries

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 19h

**MINISTRY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES:**

*You're invited!*  
**Wednesday Night Meal & Bible Studies for all ages!**  
 • 5:15 p.m. Meal • 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

<p><b>Children</b></p> <p>Preschool Choir Nursery</p>	<p><b>Youth</b></p> <p>Sunday Night Worship - 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>IMPACT</b></p> <p>Meet at Chick-fil-a @ 5 p.m.</p>
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**This Wednesday Night**

Speaker: **Patrick Caver**

**JOIN US FEBRUARY 21ST**

**5:00 P.M. - MEAL**  
**6:00 P.M. - BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL AGES!**

**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**

**June 10th–June 13th**



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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](http://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.

*First Sunday During Lent*  
**February 18, 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](http://fpcstarkville.org)**

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE  
**First Sunday During Lent, February 18, 2024**  
**Lord's Day Service**

**Prelude** *'Have Mercy on me, O Lord God'* Jennifer Blackburn

**Welcome & Announcements** Martin Lifer

**Call to Worship** *from Matthew 4:1-4* Dean Franklin

Leader: Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit

**ALL: Into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.**

And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him,

**"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."**

But Jesus answered,

**ALL: "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"**

**\*Hymn #220** *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*

**Invocation**

**Anthem** *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* Chancel Choir

**Remembering FPC Mission Partner, Rev. Robert "Bob" Crumpton**

**Good News from Mission Partner, Musser Family (World Outreach Missionaries)**

**\*Hymn # 668** *Doxology* OLD HUNDRETH

**Call to Give God His Tithe, and Our Offerings**

**Offertory** *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* Jennifer Blackburn

**\*Prayers of Confession, Petition & Intercession**

**Prayer of Confession** *from Daniel 9:4-5*

I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying:

**ALL: "O Lord, the great and awesome God – You Who keep covenant and steadfast love with those who love You and keep your commandments – we have sinned, have done wrong, and have acted wickedly and rebelled, turning away from your commandments and judgments.**

**Silent Prayers**

**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** *from Romans 4:23-25* Martin Lifer

Pastor: But the words, "It was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also.

**ALL: Righteousness will be counted to us who believe in Him Who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord Jesus – Who was delivered up for our trespasses and Who was raised for our justification.**

**\*Greeting Our Neighbors in the Grace of Christ**

**Good News for Children** Missy Walters

**\*Confession of Faith** *from The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 13*

Those who are effectually called and regenerated have a new heart and a new spirit created in them. They are additionally sanctified, actually and personally, by the power of Christ's death and resurrection and by his word and Spirit dwelling in them. This sanctification works in the whole person, but not completely or perfectly in this life. The old sinful nature retains some of its control in body, mind, and spirit. And so, a continual and irreconcilable war goes on in every believer. The old nature tries to get its way in opposition to the Spirit, and the Spirit fights to assert its authority over the flesh. Although the old nature temporarily wins battles in this warfare, the continual strengthening of the sanctifying Spirit of Christ enables the regenerate nature in each believer to overcome. And so, the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**\*Hymn #432** *Speak, O Lord*

**Scripture** *Luke 9:57-62*

**Sermon** *What does Following Jesus Mean?* Dean Franklin

**\*Hymn #434** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

**\*Benediction** Dean Franklin

**\*Congregational Response Three-fold Amen**



**Postlude** Jennifer Blackburn



*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*



*Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of Pastor Martin Lifer on his birthday - from his wife, Nancy and his daughters, Grace & Faith.*

*If you are interested in providing flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please reach out to Olivia in the Church Office at 662-323-1994*

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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](https://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).*

**College Students**

- \*If you're a student looking to fellowship with a local body of believers, mature in your faith, and grow closer to Christ, we're here for you!
- \*Scan the QR code to join our GroupMe or text the numbers below to get connected!
- \*Dean Franklin: 901-421-8957
- \*Esther Abraham: 601-421-0754



**What does Following Jesus Mean?**  
Dean Franklin/ FPC Starkville/ February 18, 2024/ Luke 9:57-62

**Following Jesus means:**

**1) We must understand the reality of true discipleship**

**2) We must base our lives and decisions on the authority of God's Word**

**3) We must be fully devoted to Christ.**