

## Prayer List

Cynthia Ware  
Peggy Johnson  
Andrew Whittenton  
Margaret Collins  
Don & Kathy Curto  
Barbara Tindall (Tindall Morrison's Grandmother)  
Nancy Hopkins, Sandy & Stan Rogers (Olivia Whittenton's Family)  
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 Necaie (Janet's sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay's friends)  
Lesa Rhodes & Hugh Shurden (Sandy Jackson's cousin and father)  
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

### FPC Officers

Dr. Martin Lifer - Moderator  
Andrew Fountain- Clerk of Session & Corporate Secretary  
Bob Daniels - Corporation President; Larry Anthony - Corporation Vice President  
Lee Weiskopf- Treasurer

### Elders Serving on Our Session

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

### Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Debbie Cooper	Bob Boyd	Haley Graves
Johnny Folsom	Boston Hampton	Wayne Huberty
Mike Jackson	Robby Holditch	Dalton Miller
Alex Massingill	Jackie Mullen	Caitlin Rackley

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Tuesday Bible Study & Prayer Group  
will NOT meet at FPC this week!

Join us at the Cross of Christ for Starkville at 7:00 a.m.  
on This Tuesday, October 10 a.m.

We will resume our regular 7:30 a.m.  
meeting at FPC on Tuesday, October 17  
Tuesdays 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT  
FPC ARE BACK!

All are welcome to our Bible studies!  
Dinner at 5:15 p.m.  
Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

We will NOT be meeting October 11th!  
Wednesday Nights will resume October 18th!

FPC Keenagers:  
You're Invited to a trip to French Camp Academy's 72nd Annual Harvest Fest!

**When:** Saturday, October 14, 2023  
**Departure:** 8:00 a.m. from FPC Parking Lot;  
**Return:** 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Transportation provided.

Please **RSVP** no later than **Thursday, October 12** to  
Beverly Jones and Peggy Branch:  
Beverly:662-435-9741 & Peggy: 662-418-1310

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
Dress Casual & Comfortable  
Lunch: \$10.00

YOUTH  
FALL RETREAT  
BAY SPRINGS LAKE  
NOVEMBER 10-12 | \$150

Scan the QR Code  
to sign up!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CIRCLES  
Women's Bible Study Circles are back!

CHOOSE ONE TO ATTEND:

- Sunday, October 8 - 8 a.m. - Parlor
- Monday, October 9 - 1:30 p.m. - Parlor
- Tuesday, October 17 - 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS: 662-323-1994



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STARKVILLE

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

October 8, 2023  
Nineteenth Lord's Day  
After Pentecost

"Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which are  
many, have been forgiven, for as evidence  
of it she has loved much. But he to whom  
little is forgiven loves little".

LUKE 7:47

## 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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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Rhosymedre</i>	Jennifer Blackbourn
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		Martin Lifer
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>adapted from Deuteronomy 6:4-5</i>	Dean Franklin
Hear, O Israel:		
<b>The LORD is our God, the LORD is One.</b>		
And we shall		
<b>Love the LORD our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our strength.</b>		
<b>*Invocation</b>		
<b>*Hymn #13</b>	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	HYMN TO JOY
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving &amp; Intercession</b>		Martin Lifer
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>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.</b>		
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>In This Holy Place</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>*Confession of Faith</b>	<i>from The Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 8</i>	Dean Franklin
Is there more than one God?		
<b>There is only One, the living and true God.</b>		
<b>*Confession of Sin</b>		Dean Franklin
Holy God, You are love.		
Yet, though we claim to be your children, born again by your Spirit, we confess:		
<b>Like Eve and Adam, we have turned our hearts to the devil's news flashes. In the fear of missing out on his latest offer, we often follow our hearts into sin, instead of – in faith – giving You our hearts in loving communion with your Word.</b>		
<b>We have not loved You with all our souls. What good is it to gain the world but to forfeit our souls?</b>		
<b>We have not loved You with all our might. We have not given You the first and best of our family, time, money, capabilities, or lives.</b>		
<b>*Assurance of God's Grace</b>	<i>from Mark 8:35</i>	
Jesus declared: "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but		
<b>Whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it."</b>		
<b>*Hymn #562</b>	<i>Love the Lord</i>	CHINA
<b>Good News for Children</b>		Dean Franklin
<b>*Hymn #668</b>	<i>Doxology</i>	OLD 100TH
<b>Call to Give God His Tithe and Our Offerings</b>		Martin Lifer
<b>Offertory+</b>	<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	Jennifer Blackbourn
<b>Prayer for Illumination</b>		Martin Lifer
<b>Scripture</b>	<i>Luke 7:28-50</i>	Pew Bible pp. 864
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Who Loves God</i>	Martin Lifer
<b>*Hymn #560</b> (vv. 1-2 & 4)	<i>Oh, How I Love Jesus</i>	OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS

**\*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**

Jennifer Blackbourn



*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*



Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Martin W. Lifer Jr. for his birthday on October 9<sup>th</sup> from Gerlene Lifer  
*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 [fpctarkville.org/connect](http://fpctarkville.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).*

**Join us for Harvest Fest, TODAY!**



**Directions to Robinson Lake:** Go north on Old West Point Rd. from Hwy 182 for 2.8 miles. Turn right at the small sign for Daffodil Lane (a small gravel drive), immediately past the Valley Hills sign. Follow daffodil drive and you will see an FPC sign.

**Who Loves Jesus**

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ October 8, 2023/ Luke 7:28-50

“among those **born of women, none greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the Kingdom [i.e. born of \_\_\_\_\_]... greater than he.**” Lk. 7:28

**Lk. 7:31-34 Parable of the Brats: This generation** - “We played the flute for You, & You did not dance.”

“Yet Wisdom is justified by all her children.” Lk. 7:35

**Lk. 7:36-50 The Banquet: Simon the Pharisee, Jesus & the Banquet-Crashing Sinful Woman**

Reclined at table. 7:36 Behold! A *woman of the city, ... sinner, ... alabaster jar* 7:37

at his feet, weeping, and her tears began to wet his feet, and wiped them with the hair of her head and continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the perfumed ointment. 7:38

“If this man were a prophet, He would know who & what sort of person this woman is who's touching Him, that she's a sinner!” Jesus, answering [his thoughts]...: **Simon, I have something to say to you.**” 7:39-40

**7:41-43 Parable of Two Forgiven Debtors** and Q & A with Simon about **Grace & Love**

**7:44-47 Seeing the Woman & Simon (two debtors) as King Jesus sees.**

“Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for *as evidence of it she has loved much. But he to whom little is forgiven loves little.*” 7:47 The ὅτι (“for”) clause is *not causative* but *evidential*. C.F.D. Moule, *An Idiom Book of New Testament Greek* (2d. ed.; Cambridge Univ. Press); also J. Calvin.

**7:48-50 Jesus' Verdict for her: (1) Forgiveness & (2) Salvation by Faith – to her:** “Your sins have been forgiven.” *All ask, “WHO is this who forgives sin?!”* “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

**Jesus' Gospel Outreach to “Good-People Sinners” (Judgmental) & Sinners of the City.**

“Christians ...not pious people resting safely on grace but **ungodly people standing under grace.**” E. Käsemann

**How does Jesus see me? Am I (a) believing & thus (b) lavishly worshiping & loving Him?**