

Prayer List

Albert Clark
 John Clark Packer
 Cynthia Ware
 Jennifer Blackbourn
 Gloria Gentry
 Barbara Johnson
 Bettie Cummings
 Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)
 Rubye Guest
 Margaret Collins
 Roxene Atkinson
 Peggy Johnson
 Jimmy Lee Dodd
 Dero Ramsey
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaie (Janet's sister) and Will Taggart & family (Jay's friends)
 Don Curto
 Libby Stephan & Jayna McQuade (daughters of Sara Wilson)
 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)
 Dr. Joe Brown
 Roy D. Dreher, Jr. (Jennie Beth Chance's father)
 Delores Irvin (Diane Daniel's sister), Sarah Helen McCloskey & Craig D. Campbell (Daniels' friends)

Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living

Dero Ramsey – The Claiborne
 Carl Ivey, Sr., & Nina Ivey – The Claiborne
 Lou Cross – The Claiborne
 Jimmy Lee Dodd – Huntsville, AL
 Hilda Scholtes – The Claiborne
 Cattie Taylor – The Beehive, Starkville
 Marjorie Malone
 Thelma Purdy

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 Bob Daniels, Corporate President // Lee Weiskopf, Treasurer

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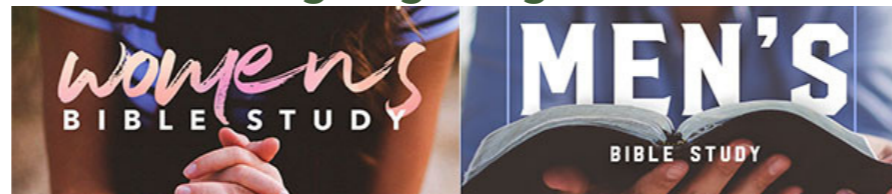
Prepare to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully next Sunday.



We invite all baptized and affirming believers who are prepared to discern and partake of the Body and who are active in our congregation or any other evangelical church, professing personal faith in salvation through Jesus Christ, to a focused week of preparation for Holy Communion. God's Word instructs that our preparation should include Spirit-led self-examination, repentance, and reconciliation to God and to others (particularly fellow believers to whom we have been estranged), trusting in God's grace.

Everyone is invited to the
Roberson's Goodbye Lunch
 AUGUST 27 | AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE
 Join us for a time of thanksgiving for the Roberson Family!

Join us on Wednesday Nights at 6 P.M.
 Beginning on August 30



Women after the LORD's Heart Men after the LORD's Heart

Men's Morning Bible Study
 Introduction to Reading & Understanding the book of Revelation
 Tuesday's 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies,

Join us for this 7-session study where 6 beloved teachers will guide us through a prayer from the Bible that can inspire and transform your own prayer life. We will meet on **Thursday, August 24 @ 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall



Books are \$25 and will be available in the FPC office!



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

August 13, 2023
 Eleventh Lord's Day
 After Pentecost

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.



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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Prelude *O Worship the King* Diane King

Welcome & Announcements Martin Lifer

————— *God Calls Us* —————

***Call to Worship** *1 Timothy 1:15-17* Martin Lifer

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,

that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,

of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost,

Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Amen.

***Invocation**

***Hymn #56** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

————— *God Cleanses Us* —————

Confession of Sin Martin Lifer

Eternal God,

In You, we live and move and have our being, but Your face is hidden from us by our sins. In the blindness of our hearts, we forget Your mercy. Cleanse us from all our iniquities, and deliver us from all proud thoughts and vain desires, that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to You in prayer, confessing our sins, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and our strength, our hope and our salvation; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Hymn #668** *Doxology* OLD 100TH

————— *God Consecrates Us* —————

Call to Give God His Tithes & Our Offerings Martin Lifer

Offertory *When I Look Into Your Holiness* Diane King

Commissioning of Women's Ministry & Christian Education Volunteers

Prayer of Intercession 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.

Anthem *Jesus Shall Reign* Chancel Choir

***Confession of Faith** *Larger Catechism 171* Reid Roberson

How do we prepare to receive the Lord's supper?

Preparation for the Lord's supper involves careful examination: of the condition of our life in Christ; of our sins and failings; of whether we truly and to what degree know God, believe in him, and have repented, and of whether we love God and our fellow believers. We should have a charitable attitude toward everyone, including forgiveness of those who have wronged us. We must also assess how much we desire Christ and whether we are living in newness of obedience. Finally we must renew the practice of these graces in us by serious meditation and fervent prayer.

***Hymn #670** *Glory Be to the Father* GREATORIX

Good News for Children Reid Roberson

***Psalm 128** *How Blest Are All Who Fear the Lord* ST. PETER



1. How blest are all who fear the LORD, and
2. Your wife with - in your house will be a
3. Be - hold, thus shall the man be blest who
4. O may you see, through - out your days, Je -



walk with - in his ways. You'll eat your la - bor's
vine whose fruits a - bound; your child - ren will as
tru - ly fears the LORD. The LORD from Zi - on
ru - s'lem pros - per will. May you your child - ren's



fruit with joy and pros - per all your days.
ol - ive plants your ta - ble ga - ther 'round.
give to you his bless - ing and re - ward.
child - ren see. Peace be on Is - ra - el!

Prayer for Illumination Martin Lifer

Scripture *Hosea 4:9, Luke 6:20-49* Pew Bible pp. 753, 862-863

Sermon *Like Teacher, Like Student* Martin Lifer

————— *God Commissions Us* —————

***Hymn #437 (vv. 1, 4)** *Wherever He Leads I'll Go* FALLS CREEK

***Benediction** Martin Lifer

***Sung Response** *Threefold Amen* DANISH



A-men, A-men, A - men.

Postlude *Wonderful Words of Life* Diane King



**The congregation is invited to stand.*



Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Fancy George in memory of her father, Joseph Wilmot Thomson, Jr., on the occasion of his birthday. *If you are interested in giving flowers for worship, please contact Olivia in the church office.*

Like Teacher, Like Student

[Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ August 13, 2023]

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone *who is fully trained* will be like his teacher.

“And it shall be: like people, like priest.” Hos. 4:9 Which came 1st, chicken or egg: sinful people corrupting priests, or priests falsely ministering to please people? Sinful people wanting the golden calf or Aaron giving the calf? No matter; priest & people follow one other into the same condemnation.

You will follow your Teacher in (1) _____ and (2) into _____ & _____.

(A) A disciple **will not rise above his/her Teacher** in:
(B) Everyone *who is fully trained will be like his/her Teacher* in:

CONTENT Curriculum

CHARACTER Conscience: *Calculating or Clear & Clean*

CONDUCT Coherence & Consistency

CONSEQUENCES Crop: *Fruit*

CRISIS Catastrophe *or* Crowning Confirmation

Gospel: Everyone who is fully trained will be like our Teacher, Jesus! Lk. 6:40 & 2 Cor. 3:18

You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of _____ and of _____, for you received the Word in much _____, with the _____ of the Holy Spirit, so you became an _____ to all the believers.... 1 Thess. 1:5b-7

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 or Reid Roberson, or send an email to Pastor Martin at mwlifer3@gmail.com

