

Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child of Our Church

The cradle cross and bud rose are placed today in thanksgiving to God for the birth on Thursday May 9, of Lainey Faye Morrison, daughter of John & Tindall Morrison.

Prayer List

The family of FPC member Cattie Taylor, following Cattie’s death on May 7
 Gloria & Wallace Cade & Family: following the deaths of Miles & Ina Herrington (Gloria’s cousins)
 Zack & Hunter Harrington & Family: following the death of Zack’s Grandmother Phyllis Harrington
 Sandy Ramsey & Family: following the death of Dero Ramsey
 Dana Griffith & Matt Griffith (friends of Jetson & Bryn Taylor)
 Jack & Lynda Forbus; Billy Forbus (Jack’s brother)
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaize (Janet’s sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay’s friend)
 Wanda Hubbard
 Rubye Guest
 Billy Brown (Darinda Gruchy’s father)
 David Mote & Family (The Folsoms’ nephew)
 Wallace Cade; Earline Howell (Wallace’s aunt)
 Cynthia Ware
 Allen & Barbara Johnson
 Gloria Gentry
 Charlie Weatherly
 Ressie Carpenter
 Rae Nell Crumpton
 Andy Lawrence
 LeeAnn Joe
 Peggy & Levette Johnson
 Lydia Abraham & Louis Lavallee (Esther Abraham’s sister & grandfather)
 Albert & Glenda Clark
 Judy Packer & John Clark Packer
 Ann McGregor (June Carpenter’s Friend)
 Marybeth Baker (Mara Cox’s Mom)
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen’s sister & brother-in-law)
 Barbara Tindall (Tindall Morrison’s Grandmother)
 Andrew Whittenton
 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

Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living

Lou Cross – The Goldton at Adelaide
 Hilda Scholtes – The Goldton at Adelaide
 Marjorie Malone

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

MINISTRY NEWS & INVITATIONS:

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 mwlfifer3@gmail.com.

COOKIES FOR WALNUT GROVE

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP IN MAKING HOMEMADE COOKIES FOR KAIROS MISSION FOR WALNUT GROVE MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON.

PLEASE BRING HOMEMADE COOKIES TO PASTOR MARTIN OR HALEY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE MONDAY MORNING MAY 13TH THROUGH THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 16TH.

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE MISSION IF YOU CAN'T PARTICIPATE.

YOUTH SUMMER SIGN UPS

Faith Foundations 3 Days Straight Geyser Falls

All women - You’re Invited!

Join the Women in the Word Sunday school class as we begin our next study **this month**. We will study the book of Titus, and learn guidelines for living at peace and how to react to those who teach false doctrine.

We meet at **9:30** on the second floor behind the Chapel. Please join us!
 If you have any questions please call or text Nancy Lifer at 843-290-8825

Men's Morning Bible Study

Reading & Understanding the book of Revelation

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

We are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child throughout the year!

May- small toys, puzzles, and games for boys



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STARKVILLE

Preaching the *Doctrines of Grace* as a Part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)

Ascension Sunday & Mother’s Day
 May 12, 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

Learn more about how we grow together, spiritually, on the solid foundation of God’s Word, according to the Essentials of Our Faith. Browse our Discipleship and Ministry Resources, keep up with our Prayer & Mission updates, and get connected with our staff!

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Ascension Sunday, May 12, 2024
Lord's Day Service

BLESSED AND SENT AS AMBASSADORS IN CHRIST'S NAME

Attach to One Another as His Church

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* Instrumental Ensemble

*Benediction

Congregational Response (ALL): *Three-fold Amen*

Postlude

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER IN CHRIST'S NAME TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship: *Psalm 95:1-7* Chloe Hardin

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs
of praise!

All: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the
depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He
made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

*Hymn #506 *In Christ Alone*

*Invocation Tate Ferguson

Anthem [Chancel Choir] *Make This Church a Welcome Place*

Children's Mother's Day Video

Corporate Prayer of Confession: Meditation based on *Psalm 51* Mary Martin Fair

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love.
All: We have sinned against You and done what is evil in Your sight. We have
considered the things of this world more important than our relationship with You.
Our hope and trust have been in ourselves, our own abilities and gifts rather than in
You. We have sought to make a name for ourselves rather than glorify Your name.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin and create pure
hearts in us, O God.

*Assurance of God's Grace: Romans 5:8 & I John 1:9 Sam Wall

Leader: But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ
died for us.

All: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse
us from all unrighteousness.

*Greeting Our Neighbors in Grace; younger children depart for TLC

*Hymn #249 *Jesus Paid It All*

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD OUR SAVIOR

*Affirmation of Faith – *The Apostles' Creed* William Henry

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 #668 *The Doxology*

Call to Give God His Tithe and Our Further Offerings Zaidee Wall

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* Instrumental Ensemble

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Luke 11:1-2a Pew Bible p. 869

Sermon *Ask Jesus His Way to Pray*

*Hymn #83 *Be Thou My Vision*

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Petition, and Intercession

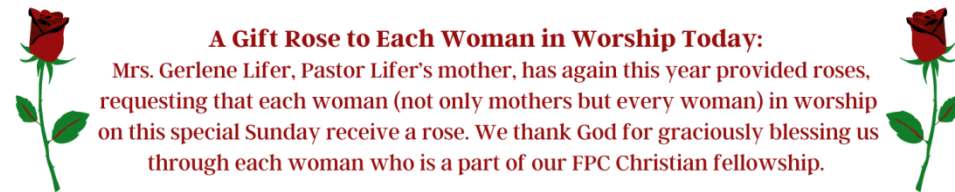
The Lord's Prayer (All): Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



*The congregation is invited to stand.

The flowers in front of the Chancel for today's services are given to the glory of God
by Jeff Foster in honor of his wife, Barbara, and their Anniversary.

If you are interested in giving flowers for worship please contact the church office.



A Gift Rose to Each Woman in Worship Today:
Mrs. Gerlene Lifer, Pastor Lifer's mother, has again this year provided roses,
requesting that each woman (not only mothers but every woman) in worship
on this special Sunday receive a rose. We thank God for graciously blessing us
through each woman who is a part of our FPC Christian fellowship.

ASK Jesus His Way to Pray

Martin Lifer/ May 12, 2024/ Luke 11:1-2a

In the gospels, what is the ONLY action a disciple asked Jesus to teach them?

Lk. 11:1b one of His disciples..., "Lord, teach US to pray!" Key 1st Step?

1) Affirm Jesus as Lord, Attuning Ourselves to Him, Our Advocate

"Lord!"

Heb. 12:2 Fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of faith, Who for the joy set before Him
endured the cross, ... and [ASCENDED] has sat down at the right hand of God's throne.

Jesus consistently prayed intensely. [Lk. 3:21, 5:16, 6:12, 9:18 & 9:28-29; Mk. 1:35 & 9:29]

2) Admit We Are Children, Totally Needing Him (& His Teaching)

Lk. 18:17 "whoever does not receive God's Kingdom like a child shall not enter it."

"Lord, Teach us!"

3) Attach (a) to Him (b) to One Another as His Church

Jn. 15:5a "I am the Vine, you [plural] are the branches." (also Eph. 4:15-16)

Attach to Him

4) Ask Jesus to Teach US His Way to Pray

ASK Jesus!

His Way

"It's shameful [the prayer] is treated so carelessly by many who thoughtlessly rattle it off... though they
might pray it their way a thousand times, they haven't benefitted [any]." Martin Luther

Teach US to pray → i.e. Jesus' Way is for us to pray as His Church TOGETHER

5) Abolish Anxiety by PRAYING with Thanks Always in Christ

Phil. 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything – by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving – let your requests be made known to God.

1 Jn. 2:1b We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous (also Rom. 8:34)

Fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author & Perfector of prayer! Ask Him to Pray His Way!