# **Prayer List**

The Franklin family following the death of Dean's father on Friday Churches & communities affected by Friday's tornado Margaret Collins Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaise (Janet's sister) and Will Taggart & family (Jay's friends) John Glass (Vivien Miller's father) Patsy Randle Paula Ivey Don Curto Frances Graham Mary Yeates (mother of mission partner Edward Yeates) Libby Stephan & Jayna McQuade (daughters of Sara Wilson) Churches, communities and EPC mission partners in Syria and Turkey Dennis Meilstrup (Madeleine Roberson's grandfather) Peggy Johnson Lesa Rhodes & Hugh Shurden (Sandy Jackson's cousin and father) Cynthia Ware, Donna and Herman Ware (Cynthia's parents) Maxie Bruce (Brittney McAfee's father) **Ressie Carpenter** Andy Lawrence Jean Alice McDavid Mary Caroline Morris (Carpenters' granddaughter) Lee Fleming (nephew of Gloria & Wallace Cade) John Clark Packer Bob Forbus (Jack Forbus's brother); Staci Moak (Jack's daughter) Lydia Abraham (Esther Abraham's sister) 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) Aspen Reynolds (Anita Reynolds' granddaughter) John Gassaway and Michael Tubb (Anna Ray Gassaway's brother-in-law and nephew)

# 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 Bessie Montgomery - Garden Hills, Columbus, MS Marjorie Malone Anna Ray Gassaway - SummerHouse Beau Ridge, Ridgeland, MS Thelma Purdy

# **FPC Officers**

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

### **Session of Elders**

Class of 2024 Class of 2023 Richard Blackbourn Bob Daniels Andrew Fountain Ieff Foster John Kellev Charlie Guest Michele Rackley Kristen Skinner John Turner

Class of 2024 Class of 2023 Debbie Cooper Bob Bovd Johnny Folsom Boston Hampton Mike Jackson Robbie Holditch Jackie Mullen Alex Massingill

**Board of Deacons** 

Class of 2025

Halev Graves

Wayne Huberty

Dalton Miller

Caitlin Rackley

# Dinner Menu for Wednesday, March 29

Class of 2025

Larry Anthony

Vivian Cade

Lee Weiskopf

Adult Plate: Pork tenderloin, roasted potato salad, cornbread Children's Plate: Sloppy joes, French fries \_\_\_\_ Phone Number Name # Child Plates # Adult Plates \_\_\_\_

To sign up, drop this tear-off form in the offering plate, or scan the code for the online form by Monday, March 27th.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - MARCH 29

Adult Bible Studies

**Patrick Caver** 

# **Pastor Martin Lifer**

Social Media and the Law

Biblical Teaching of Judgement and Hell

Why Aaron Rodgers' Not Christian

# FirstConnect Lunch & Learn

NEXT WEEK

# APRIL 2 | 11:45 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL



Visiting our church? Interested in learning more about becoming a member at FPC? Pastor and Nancy Lifer with other staff invite you to FirstConnect Lunch!

**APRIL1 - SATURDAY** 10 AM Easter Egg Hunt Front lawn of FPC

**APRIL 2 - PALM SUNDAY** 8:30 AM service 10:30 AM service 5:30 pm Worship on the Hill

**APRIL 3-5 MON-WED** Lunch & noon services



Sign up for meals at fpcstarkville.org/holyweek

# Holy Week

**APRIL 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY** 5:15 PM dinner 6:15 PM service **APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY** 6:30 AM sunrise service 8:30 AM service 10:30 AM service

# Women's Ministry Scholarship

Each year, FPC's Women's Ministry selects an FPC College student to recieve a scholarship. If you would like to apply for this scholarship, go to fpcstarkville.org/news/scholarship2023. Applications are due by April 30. Contact Olivia in the church office for more information.



# Save The Date for VBS 2023! June 5 - 8th

Watch out for Volunteer and Kids Registration - coming soon!





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

# March 26, 2023 Fifth Lord's Day in Lent



# 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

> 307 University Drive, Starkville, MS 39759 662.323.1994 | info@fpcstarkville.org

| First Presbyterian Church, Starkville |
|---------------------------------------|
| March 26, 2023                        |
| Lord's Day Service                    |



# \*Call to Worship

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people,

the people whom I formed for Myself that they might declare My praise.

| *Invocation |                     | Reid Roberson       |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| *Hymn #28   | To God Be the Glory | TO GOD BE THE GLORY |
|             | God Cleanses Us     |                     |

### **Confession of Sin**

Reid Roberson

### Most merciful God

We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name.

## \*Assurance of God's Grace

### Iesus said to them.

All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

| *Hymn #668                   | Doxology           | OLD 100TH |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
|                              | God Consecrates Us |           |
| Call to Give God His Tit     | Reid Roberson      |           |
| Give Online: focstarkville o | ra/aine            |           |

Give Online: fpcstarkville.org/give

Give by Mail: First Presbyterian Church, 307 University Drive. Starkville, MS 39759

Offertory Were You There?/Crown Him with Many Crowns

**Prayer of 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.

Anthem

What Wondrous Love is This

Chancel Choir

Iennifer Blackbourn

Martin Lifer

### \*Confession of Faith

EPC Essentials of our Faith

# What do you believe concerning Scripture?

All Scripture is self-attesting and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is a complete and unified witness to God's redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks.

| *Hymn #670              | Glory Be to the Father             | GREATORIX           |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Good News for Children  |                                    |                     |
| *Hymn #220 (vv. 1-2)    | Tell Me the Story of Jesus         | STORY OF JESUS      |
| Prayer for Illumination |                                    | Martin Lifer        |
| Scripture               | Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-6; Lk. 3:21-4:13 | pp. 2, 859          |
| Sermon                  | Answering the Devil                | Martin Lifer        |
|                         | ——— God Commissions Us ———         |                     |
| *Hymn #237              | I Stand Amazed in the Presence     | MY SAVIOR'S LOVE    |
| *Benediction            |                                    | Martin Lifer        |
| *Sung Response          | Threefold Amen                     | DANISH AMEN         |
|                         | A-men, A-men, A - men.             |                     |
| Postlude                |                                    | Jennifer Blackbourn |
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Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Beverly Jones and Christie Lawrence. If you are interested in giving flowers for worship, please contact Olivia in the church office.



\*The congregation is invited to stand.

Donate an Easter Lily to the church and support Mission India.

Easter Lilies will decorate our Sanctuary for our Easter worship services and may be given for \$20.00 each.

Easter lily donation forms are in the vestibules and due by April 2nd.

# 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

Martin Lifer

The Son/son Who can answer the Devil Lk. 3:22c/...3:38c "You are my Son, the Beloved."/ ... the son of Adam, the son of God. Jesus is (1) fully AND (2) fully / the "last ": Our Champion (Savior-King) AND our Mediator/ / (Savior-Priest). Heb. 2-4; Rom. 5-8 Jesus sympathizes with our ; in has been tested as we are. Heb. 4:15

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Lk. 4:3a...4:9b "If you ARE the Son of God,..."

Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> words recorded Luke (2 & 4) respond to Q.s about Jesus' with & Service of God His Father: i.e. THE life-or-death issue of identity, love, purpose & end.

"You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." Lk. 4:12b; Deut. 6:16; cf. Ps. 106 and Lk. 23:35-39!

Jesus, my Advocate, Who HAS already Answered the Devil for me! Jesus, our high priest, sympathizes with our weaknesses. In every respect He's been tempted as we are, yet without sin. So \_\_\_\_\_ to find grace to help in time of need! Heb. 4:15-16

### Answering the Devil

[Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ March 26, 2023]

, but God won't let you be tempted beyond your 1 Cor. 10:12-13  $\rightarrow$  Be vigilant about ability AND will provide the way of escape so you may endure it [i.e. without sinning].

"Great dragon..., ancient serpent, ... called the Devil and Satan, the Deceiver of the whole world... Accuser of our brothers." [Rev. 12:9] Ruler of this world/ Murderer/ Father of lies [Jn. 14:30,8:44] Devil/ διάβολος  $\rightarrow$  slanderer, accuser, one who throws over

Adam (& Eve) in \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus in the \_\_\_\_ but led by

led by the Spirit in the wilderness for 40 days, being tested by the devil.... [Jesus] ate nothing

[Moses] was there with the LORD 40 days and 40 nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. Ex. 34:28

And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in you to know what was in your heart, , that he might humble you, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And He humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, ... that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from LORD's mouth. Deut. 8:2-3

But the Devil tests/probes from multiple angles: E.g., 4:5-7 Showed Him all the world's kingdoms