

Prayer List

Family of Bessie Montgomery following her death
 Vivien Miller & family following the death of her father, John Glass
 Albert Clark
 Peggy Johnson
 Jimmy Lee Dodd
 Dero Ramsey
 Barbara Johnson
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen’s sister & brother-in-law)
 Margaret Collins
 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
 John Clark Packer
 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

FPC Officers

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

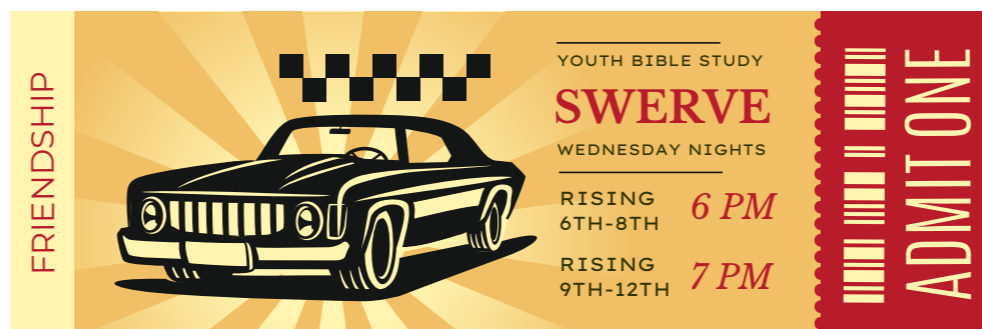
Session of Elders

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Richard Blackbourn	Bob Daniels	Larry Anthony
Andrew Fountain	Jeff Foster	Vivian Cade
John Kelley	Charlie Guest	Michele Rackley
Kristen Skinner	John Turner	Lee Weiskopf

Board of Deacons

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

July 2, 2023
Fifth Lord’s Day
After Pentecost

...and Judas Iscariot,
who became a traitor.



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:
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Prelude *America, the Beautiful* Jennifer Blackburn

Welcome & Announcements Reid Roberson

God Calls Us

***Call to Worship** *Psalms 150* Reid Roberson

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

***Invocation**

***Hymn #642** *God of Our Fathers* NATIONAL HYMN

God Cleanses Us

Confession of Sin Reid Roberson

Almighty, everlasting God and Father,

We confess and acknowledge to You that we were conceived in unrighteousness, and are full of sin and transgression in all our life, as those who do not perfectly believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. We implore You, remember Your goodness and for Your name's sake be gracious to us and forgive us our wrongdoing, which indeed is great.

***Assurance of God's Grace** *1 Timothy 1:15*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,

that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

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

God Consecrates Us

Call to Give God His Tithes & Our Offerings Dean Franklin

Offertory *Simple Gifts* Jennifer Blackburn

***Confession of Faith** *Larger Catechism 49* Dean Franklin

How did Christ humble himself in his death?

Christ humbled himself in his death by being betrayed by Judas, forsaken by his disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented with physical persecution. He struggled with the terrors of death and the powers of darkness; he felt and bore the weight of God's anger. Finally, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death on the cross, he laid down his life as an offering for sin.

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

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.

***Hymn #247** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* RATHBUN

Prayer for Illumination Martin Lifer

Scripture

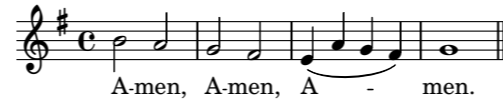
Sermon Martin Lifer

God Commissions Us

***Hymn #646 (vv. 1, 4)** *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* AMERICA

***Benediction** Martin Lifer

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



Postlude *Where He Leads Me* Jennifer Blackburn



**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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.

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.

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 fpcestarkville.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



Judas – Answer to Prayer

[Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ July 2, 2023]

- (1) **Prayer** = Faithful Choice: **Declaration of Dependence on God's Plan & Grace.**
- (2) **Personal Choices of Multiple Parties Matter** → Individual Responsibility.
- (3) **God's Plan & Providential Grace Prevail.**

Surprising answers to prayers: Benedict Arnold (Hero of the Revolution... & Traitor)

Judas Iscariot (Disciple, Apostle, Leader... & Traitor)

In my own life – surprising turns of people & events:

(1) **Prayer** = Faithful Choice: **Declaration of Dependence on God's Plan & Grace.**

He spent the night in prayer with God. Lk. 6:12b

"...your will be done" Mt. 6:10b *"Nevertheless, let not my will but yours be done."* Lk. 22:42b
...in agony, He prayed more earnestly; **...sweat ... like great drops of blood...** Lk. 22:44

He called his disciples and **chose** from them **twelve**, whom also He **named** **"apostles:"**

(2) **Personal Choices of Multiple Parties Matter** → Individual Responsibility.

... and Judas Iscariot, who _____ a traitor. Lk. 6:16b

Then Satan entered Judas ...among... the Twelve. **He went away and conferred** with the chief priests ... how he might betray Him.... **they were glad & agreed to give him money.** Lk. 22:3-5

"It is the peculiar majesty of Jesus that He can conquer man without man's first approaching Him. But **Satan's frailty is proved by this, that he cannot approach a soul unless that soul has first turned to him.**" Klass Schilder, *Christ in His Suffering*

(3) **God's Plan & Providential Grace Prevail.**

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Rom. 8:28