

## Prayer List

Myles Carpenter  
 Rubye Guest  
 Roxene Atkinson  
 Albert Clark  
 Peggy Johnson  
 Jimmy Lee Dodd  
 Vivien Miller & family following the death of her father, John Glass  
 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

FPC Womens Ministry invites all women to:

An afternoon with *Kari Kampakis*

August 13th | 2-4 P.M

Spots are limited.

Sign up at [fpcstarkville.org/karikampakis](http://fpcstarkville.org/karikampakis)

sign up here:




**SUNDAYS IN JULY**

Worship will take place in the Fellowship Hall due to our Sanctuary renovations!

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.  
 & Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.!

FRIENDSHIP



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

**SWERVE**

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

RISING 6 PM  
 6TH-8TH

RISING 7 PM  
 9TH-12TH

ADMIT ONE

**Palmer Home Reminder!**

Whenever you donate items to Palmer Home, please mention that you are a member of First Presbyterian Church. When you do this, Palmer Home gives us gift cards to hand out to people in need.



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

July 9, 2023

*Sixth Lord's Day  
 After Pentecost*

*"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied."  
 "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry."*



## 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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**Prelude** *The Lord is in His Holy Temple (arr. Tornquist)* Jennifer Blackburn

**Welcome & Announcements** Reid Roberson

\_\_\_\_\_ *God Calls Us* \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Call to Worship** *Mal. 4:2,4* Dean Franklin

For you who fear My Name, says the LORD of hosts, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

**And you shall go out leaping, like calves from the stall.**

Remember the law of Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him.

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

**\*Hymn #420** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* RESTORATION

\_\_\_\_\_ *God Cleanses Us* \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Invocation & Confession of Sin** Dean Franklin

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**We confess to You that we have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed. Make us truly repentant. Fill us with holy fear, and give us grace to conform our lives to Your Word, for the glory of Your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*Assurance of God's Grace** *Psalms 103*

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ *God Consecrates Us* \_\_\_\_\_

**Call to Give God His Tithes & Our Offerings** Reid Roberson

**Offertory** *New Wine (arr. Beaney)* Jennifer Blackburn

**Prayer for Illumination** Martin Lifer

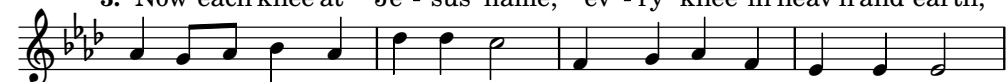
**Scripture** *Is. 29:17-19, 61:1-3, 66:2b, 66:5; Lk. 6:17-26*

**Sermon** *Empty Yourself* Martin Lifer

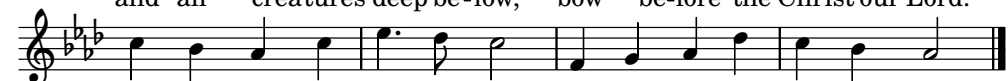
**\*Philippians 2:5-11** *Have This Mind Among Yourselves* DIX



1. Have this mind a - mong yourselves, which is yours in Je - sus Christ,  
2. Be - ing born in man's like - ness, be - ing found in hu - man form,  
3. Now each knee at Je - sus' name, ev' - ry knee in heav'n and earth,



who though in the form of God grasped not for e - qua - li - ty.  
hum - bled He him - self to death and o - bedience to the cross.  
and all creatures deep be - low, bow be - fore the Christ our Lord.



But he emp - tied all him - self, Tak - ing on a servant's form.  
Therefore God ex - alt - ed Him, and gave Him the high - est Name.  
Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess the Lord, to our Father's glor - ious praise.

**\*Confession of Faith** *The Nicene Creed* Reid Roberson

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ *God Communes with Us* \_\_\_\_\_

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

*All baptized Christians who are (1) active members of an evangelical church in accord with our Essentials of Our Faith and (2) spiritually prepared to discern the Body are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper.*

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Dedication**

\_\_\_\_\_ *God Commissions Us* \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Hymn #410** *A Parting Hymn We Sing* DENNIS

**\*Benediction** Martin Lifer

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



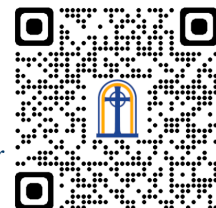
**Postlude** *Bind Us Together (arr. Hayes)* Jennifer Blackburn

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

### 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](http://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](mailto:mwlifer3@gmail.com)*



**Empty Yourself**  
[Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ July 9, 2023]

**People who are \_\_\_\_\_ of themselves cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ God's Spirit.**

Ps. 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: test me, and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**New Testament Revolution: The Great Kingdom Reversal → Right-side-Up**

Lk. 6:17 He came down **with (a)** \_\_\_\_\_ and stood on a level place, **with (b) a large crowd of** \_\_\_\_\_ **AND (c) a large multitude of people from all** \_\_\_\_\_ and the seacoast of \_\_\_\_\_.

**OT: Moses' Torah for Israel → Blessings & Curses** e.g., Deut. 11 & 27-28

**NT: Jesus' Didache for New Israel/Kingdom People → Beatitudes & Woes** Lk. 6:17-26

*lifted up his eyes on his \_\_\_\_\_...: "Blessed Gk. MAKARIOI (are you who are) the poor..."*

*NOT by Performance or Possessions, but Jesus' Declaration: The Faithful are Justified!*

**Beatitude: Blessed are you** **Woe to you**  
*- who are the Poor: yours IS the Kingdom* *- who are Rich: you're receiving your comfort*  
Also Is. 29:19,61:1 & 66:2b

*- who are the **Hungering: you'll be fed*** *- who are **Full now: you shall be hungry***

*- who are the **Weeping: you'll be comforted*** *- who **Laugh now: you'll mourn & weep***

*- when you're **Hated/Excluded/Reviled*** *- when all **Speak well of you, for so their on account of** \_\_\_\_\_ fathers did to the false prophets*  
Also Is. 66:5

Ja. 4:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_ yourself in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Phil. 2:3-11 ...in humility, regard one another as \_\_\_\_\_. Have this mind in you, that was also in **Christ Jesus**, ... didn't regard equality w/ God a thing to be grasped, **but** \_\_\_\_\_ **Himself**, taking a servant's form, ... **Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the NAME that is above every name...**