



**Prayer List**

The Peace of Jerusalem & Israel; all persons grieving bereaved by the killing or abduction of loved ones in the current war in Israel and Gaza; all hostages; first responders and those in military service; all ministry leaders of our mission partner, CMJ-Israel

- Cynthia Ware
- Margaret Collins
- Wanda Hubbard
- Billy & Bob Forbus (Jack Forbus's brothers); Staci Moak (Jack's daughter)
- Albert and Glenda Clark
- Gloria Cade (following the death of her classmate and friend, Kay Martin)
- Hugh Shurden ( Sandy Jackson's Father)
- Gloria Gentry
- Lydia Abraham
- Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)
- Marybeth Baker (Mara Cox's Mom)
- Roxene Atkinson
- Peggy Johnson
- Andrew Whittenton
- Don & Kathy Curto
- Barbara Tindall (Tindall Morrison's Grandmother)
- Earline Howell (Wallace Cade's Aunt)
- John Clark Packer
- Clayton Butler (son of the Lifer's friends, Gary & Kristen Butler)
- Barbara Johnson
- Andy Lawrence
- Thelma Purdy (Neena Howell's mother and Dylan Franklin's grandmother)
- Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)
- Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaise (Janet's sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay's friends)
- Maxie Bruce (Brittney McAfee's father)
- Ressie Carpenter
- Jean Alice McDavid
- Rae Nell Crumpton
- Gerlene Lifer; and Keitha Scott (Gerlene's friend)
- Roy D. Dreher, Jr. (Jennie Beth Chance's father)
- Delores Irvin (Diane Daniel's sister), Sarah Helen McCloskey & Craig D. Campbell (Daniels' friend)

**Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living**

- Carl Ivey, Sr., & Nina Ivey – The Goldton
- Dero Ramsey – The Goldton
- Lou Cross – The Goldton
- Hilda Scholtes – The Goldton
- Cattie Taylor – The Beehive, Starkville
- Marjorie Malone

**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 Blackburn	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
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Alex Massingill	Jackie Mullen	Caitlin Rackley

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**DEC. 3// Unified 10:30 Service**

**11:30 Fellowship Lunch**

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC MISSION**

**BLESSING**

1st Sunday of Advent

**DEC. 10 // 8:30 & 10:30 Service**

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM @10:30**

2nd Sunday of Advent

**DEC. 17 // 8:30 & 10:30 service**

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM @ 10:30**

3rd Sunday of Advent

**DEC. 24 // 10:30 AM**

**UNIFIED WORSHIP SERVICE**

Christmas Eve

**DEC. 24// 5:00 PM**

**CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE**

Christmas Eve Service



**Poinsettias for Palmer Home**

**Poinsettias that will decorate our sanctuary for the Advent & Christmas season are \$25 per poinsettia gift.**

Poinsettia gift forms are available in the vestibules. You also have the ability to order one by scanning here:



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STARKVILLE**

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

*1st Sunday in Advent*

*December 3, 2023*



**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** *Gloria!* Jennifer Blackburn

**Welcome & Announcements** Martin Lifer

**New Member Recognition** Mara & Oliver Cox

**Call to Worship: Lighting the Advent Candle** The Weiskopf Family

**Invocation**

**\*Hymn #178** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

**Good News for Children** Dean Franklin

**\*Confession of Sin** Martin Lifer

Word of God Who became flesh to save us,  
**We confess our sin of quashing your Good News and Your Spirit. Forgive us for remaining silent about You, and failing to share your gospel invitation with our neighbors. Free us from our selfishness of keeping You and your Church to ourselves, rather than bringing new people into your Church's worship and proclamation. Have mercy on us for not praising God to people in the fields of the world, even as the angels brought a loud doxology to be heard by the shepherds. Embolden us to be your joyful witnesses to all those people whom You place in our lives.**

**\* Assurance of God's Grace** *from Matthew 10:32* Martin Lifer

Jesus says:  
**"Therefore, everyone who acknowledges Me before people, I will also acknowledge in the presence of my Father Who is in heaven."**

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

**Call to Give God's Tithe, Pledges & Mission Blessing Offering**

**Pastoral Prayers** 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.**

**Offertory** *In the Bleak Midwinter* Marquita Beaty & Jennifer Blackburn

*Give Online:* [fpcstarkville.org/give](http://fpcstarkville.org/give)  
*Give by Mail:* First Presbyterian Church, 307 University Drive, Starkville, MS 39759

**\*Confession of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* Dean Franklin

**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 #670** *The Gloria Patri* GREATORIX

**Christmas Mission Blessing Message and Music -** *A New & Glorious Morn!*

**Gospel Invitation**

**\*Benediction** Martin Lifer

**Postlude** *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* Jennifer Blackburn

FPC Chancel Choir presents  
**A New & Glorious Morn:**  
**Celebrating the Light and Life of Christmas!**  
**by Lloyd Larson**  
*Craig Aarhus, Director*  
*Jennifer Blackburn, Accompanist*

**Come, Adore the Newborn King**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant	Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem	Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels	Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him	O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him	O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him	O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!	Christ the Lord!

**Prepare for the Coming of the Lord**

**The Promised King of Heaven**

**Holy Child of Bethlehem**

**All Glory Be to God on High**

**A Holy, Silent Night!**

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child	Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from Thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.	Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!

**Arise and Shine, Your Light Has Come**

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

**Soprano:** Molly Kate Aarhus, Shelby Donald, Betty Ann Folsom, Diane King, Brenda Koenig, Vivien Miller, Michele Rackley, Patsy Randle, Jane Vemer  
**Alto:** Amy Aarhus, Marquita Beaty, Vivian Cade, Nancy Lifer  
**Tenor:** Richard Blackburn, Johnny Folsom, Keith Koenig  
**Bass:** Jack Aarhus, Jim Beaty, Charlie Guest, Martin Lifer, Marshall Molen  
**Narrator:** Martin Lifer  
**Guest Musicians:** Sloan Berry, flute; Toccara Edmonds, oboe; Kathryn McArthur, clarinet; Hunter Harris, bass clarinet; Haley Luther, percussion

**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, Pastor Martin Lifer, or send an email to Pastor Martin at [mwlifer3@gmail.com](mailto:mwlifer3@gmail.com).



*Christmas  
Mission Blessing*

*Special Offering*

Each year, during the Advent and Christmas seasons, we take up a special offering to support missions at home and abroad.

This year, we are supporting the work of the CMJ Israel (focused on evangelism to Jewish people as well as to Arabs in Israel), French Camp Academy, Chip Bobbitt (serving with TEAM in Asia), and Aretta Zitta (serving with YoungLife Club Beyond in Germany).

Today and throughout December, feel free to give to this special offering in addition to your regular tithes and offerings.

*You may give online at [fpcstarkville.org/give](http://fpcstarkville.org/give) or by check made out to FPC Starkville. Be sure to designate your gift as "Christmas Mission."*

