



Starkville Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)

February 26, 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent

*Order of Worship*

Prelude *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* SOUTHWELL

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* SARADAY

+Call to Worship

One: For forty days and forty nights,

**All: led by the Spirit, Christ fasted in the wilderness.**

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**All: we prepare ourselves to meet the crucified and risen Christ.**

+Opening Hymn #216 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

+Call to Confession

One: When we stay silent, when we do not acknowledge what we need to change, we waste away. Our guilt turns into shame that eats away at us like a poison. God calls us to repent and be healed; let us turn to God.

+Prayer of Confession *Unison*

**Merciful One, we are so easily tempted. We turn away from Your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind. You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to You: forgive our sins.** (Moment of Silence)

+Assurance of Pardon

One: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice! God does not count our sins against us, but offers us a free gift of righteousness.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Offering  
Offertory *Have Mercy, God, upon My Life* IRISH

+Doxology #606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music *Write Your Blessed Name* K. Lee Scott

Prayer of Illumination

+Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible, p. 3)

+Affirmation of Faith (Printed sheet in hymnal rack) The Apostle's Creed

+Gloria Patri #581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

Sermon "And They Will Come" Rev. Ron McDougald

Prayer of the People and Lord's Prayer (**debts, debtors**)

+Sending Hymn #819 *Be Still, My Soul* FINDANDIA  
Cents-Ability Offering and Food Drive collection  
(Please bring your offering to the front of the sanctuary.)

+Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *Restore in Us, O God* BAYLOR

+Postlude *Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love* MENDON

**+ Stand if you are able**

**WELCOME** to Starkville Presbyterian Church. We are grateful for your presence in worship this morning.

**PRAYER LIST.** Please keep the following in your prayers:

Family of David Zitta

Additional prayer concerns are listed in the Prayer Journal found in the Swoope Room.

If you would like to add a request or remove one from the list, please contact Nancy Bryson (324-6320 or [nancybryson68@gmail.com](mailto:nancybryson68@gmail.com)) or Rev. Ron McDougald (601-942-8040 or [chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com](mailto:chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com))

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### **Session**

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**ROSE BUD AND CRADLE CROSS.** The red rose bud and cradle cross are in honor of Tanner Elliot Bryson, born Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Tupelo to Emory & Steve Bryson. Welcoming Tanner are his big sister, Emma, and proud grandparents Jim & Olin McBride and Nancy & Charles Bryson.

**CENTS-ABILITY (2¢-A-MEAL).** The Cents-Ability Offering and Food Drive will be collected today during the last hymn.

**TIME & TALENT SURVEY.** This is the last Sunday the Time & Talent Survey will be in the bulletin. The Session is asking for all of you who are part of our family here to take time, pray and make a commitment to ‘serve’ in one of the 5 ‘areas’ of ministry here at SPC. Complete the survey and place in the offering plate or return to any Session member. If you have questions about a particular area of service, contact the Moderator of that ‘Team’.

**PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY.** Ron will be leading the Pastor’s Bible Study each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. during Lent. We will be studying his preaching text for the coming Sunday. This week’s passage will be John 3:1-17. Come join in the discussion/fellowship!

**CHOIR.** Choir rehearsal will be on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

**SESSION MEETING.** The Session of Starkville Presbyterian Church (USA) will meet on **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at the church. If you have items for the Session to consider please contact Elders Nancy Bryson, Pat Colwick, Susan Kuykendall, Anne McWhorter, Richard Mullenax. If you have an item to add to the agenda, contact Clerk, Robert Green.