



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

February 5, 2023

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Worship

Prelude *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing* WEISSE FLAGGEN

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

+Call to Worship

One: Let your light shine!

All: We are the salt of the earth.

One: Let your light shine!

All: We are the light of the world.

One: Let your light shine!

All: Praise the Lord for the gifts that God has given us!

One: Let your light shine!

+Opening Hymn #12 *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise* ST. DENIO

+Call to Confession

One: Into this space we bring our weights and burdens — the things we have done or not done, said or not said. Trusting in God's mercy, let us lay down those burdens before God.

+Prayer of Confession *Unison*

Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point. We know how to perform righteousness; we go to church, we donate, we volunteer, but we care more about how we are seen than our faithfulness to You. We show off our piety, instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources with those in the most need. Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves, and teach us Your way, the way that leads to justice and peace. (Moment of Silence)

+Assurance of Pardon

One: Beloved, hear the good news: When we cry for help, God says, "Here I am!" When we ask for mercy, God grants it freely, longing for a closer walk with us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Offering

Offertory *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

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

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music *Be Thou My Vision* Irish Ballad

Prayer of Illumination

+Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13-20 (Pew Bible, p. 4)

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

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

Sermon "Mixed Metaphors" Rev. Ron McDougald

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

+Sending Hymn #175 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

+Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

+Postlude *In the Midst of New Dimensions* NEW DIMENSIONS

+ 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.

Mary Brinkman (Tests)	O. A. Cleveland
Tom & Cathy Guice Dees	Audrey Gammill (Test Results)
Keith Hodge	Molly Howard and family
Tiernan O’Rourke	Derek Pettus and family (transplant list)
Peggy Raines (cancer)	Ellen Clark Sawyer (cancer)
Jane Hillen Smith	Laura Thurmond (follow up treatments)
Jan Vaughn	John Robert Walker

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

ELDER OF THE MONTH. The Elder of the Month for February is Pat Colwick.

CIRCLE. Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 8th, at the Church at 4:45pm. The Bible Study is Lesson 5 of “Celebrating Sabbath” by Carol M. Bechtel.

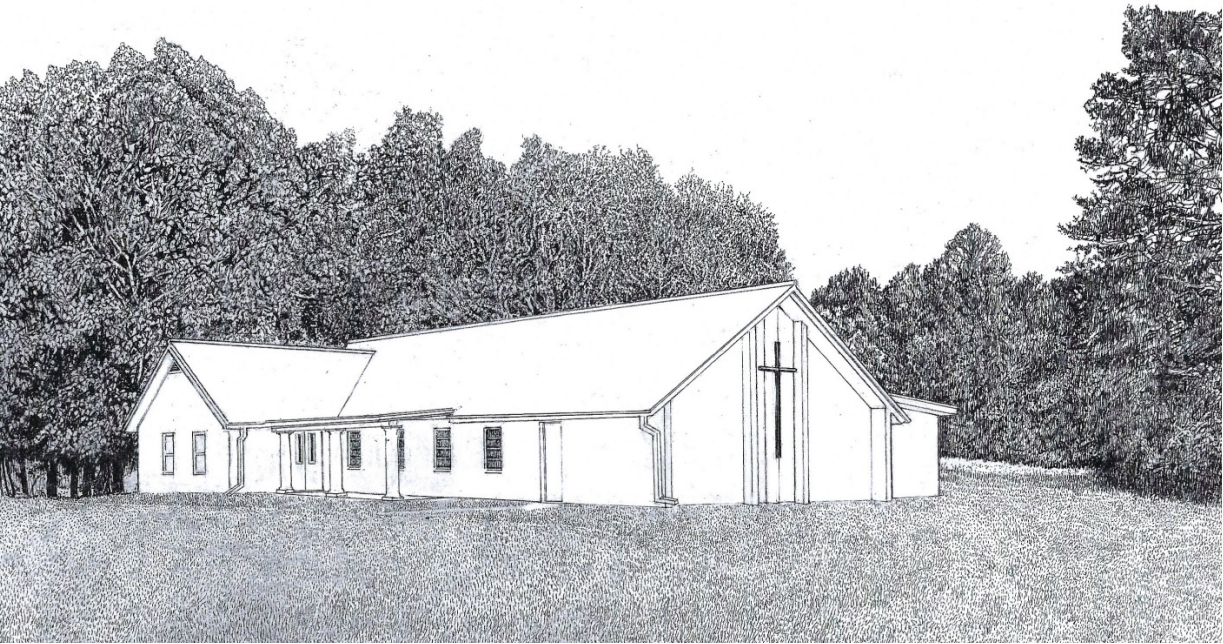
CHOIR. Choir rehearsal will be on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

MEN’S SOUL FOOD FELLOWSHIP. All men are invited to join us this Friday, February 10th at 11:30 AM for our monthly ‘Soul Food’ Lunch/Fellowship. Bring a couple of dollars to cover the cost of the meal. Please let Charles Bryon or Ron know of your plans to attend!

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH. For our monthly Fellowship Lunch on February 19th, we will have brunch to celebrate Fat Tuesday. There is a Sign-up sheet available in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a time of fellowship following the worship service.

	Session	
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