



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

September 3, 2023

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

Prelude *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers* NUN DANKET ...

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* HOLY GROUND

+Call to Worship

One: God calls us each by name as we gather on holy ground.

All: We come to this place, seeking to know the great I AM.

One: Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn #826 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

+Call to Confession

One: The apostle Paul tells us: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

For the times we have failed to do this, let us confess to God.

+Prayer of Confession *Unison*

Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives? Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather You do it for us. Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what You ask of us. We long to see You come in glory, but fear the road we must take. Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in Your ways of peace.
(Moment of Silence)

+Assurance of Pardon

One: Christ does not abandon us, but died for us, was raised for us, and loves us still. This is the good news that prevails!

All: In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven!

Offering
Offertory *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

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

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music *Lord, I Stretch My Hand to You* Jay Althouse

Prayer of Illumination

+Scripture Reading (Matthew 16:21-28) (Pew Bible, p. 18)

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

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

Sermon "Hard Road Trips" Rev. Ron McDougald

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

+Sending Hymn #726 *Will You Come and Follow* KELVINGROVE

+Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *Jesus Calls Us* GALILEE

+Postlude *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* BOURBON

+ **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:

Bill Swoope
Glenda Taylor (Tests on Back)

Sherylan Webb

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) or Rev. Ron McDougald (601-942-8040 or chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com)

ELDER OF THE MONTH. The Elder of the Month for September is Anne McWhorter.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY. Come join the discussion and fellowship on Wednesday at 10:30 in the Swoope Room. Check with Ron for a Study Guide!

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

CIRCLE. The new year of circle starts on **Tuesday, September 5th** at the Church at **6 pm**. Come join us as we start with Lesson 1 of *Sacred Encounters – The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Rev. Dr. Olive Mahabir. Check with Susan Kuykendall for your study book.

SESSION MEETING. The Session of Starkville Presbyterian Church (USA) will meet on **Thursday, September 7th**, at the church. If you have items for the Session to consider please contact Elders Nancy Bryson, Pat Colwick, Susan Kuykendall, Anne McWhorter, or Richard Mullenax. You may also contact the Clerk Robert Green or Ron

COMMUNION. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, September 10th.

Session

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Pat Colwick
Susan Kuykendall

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Richard Mullenax

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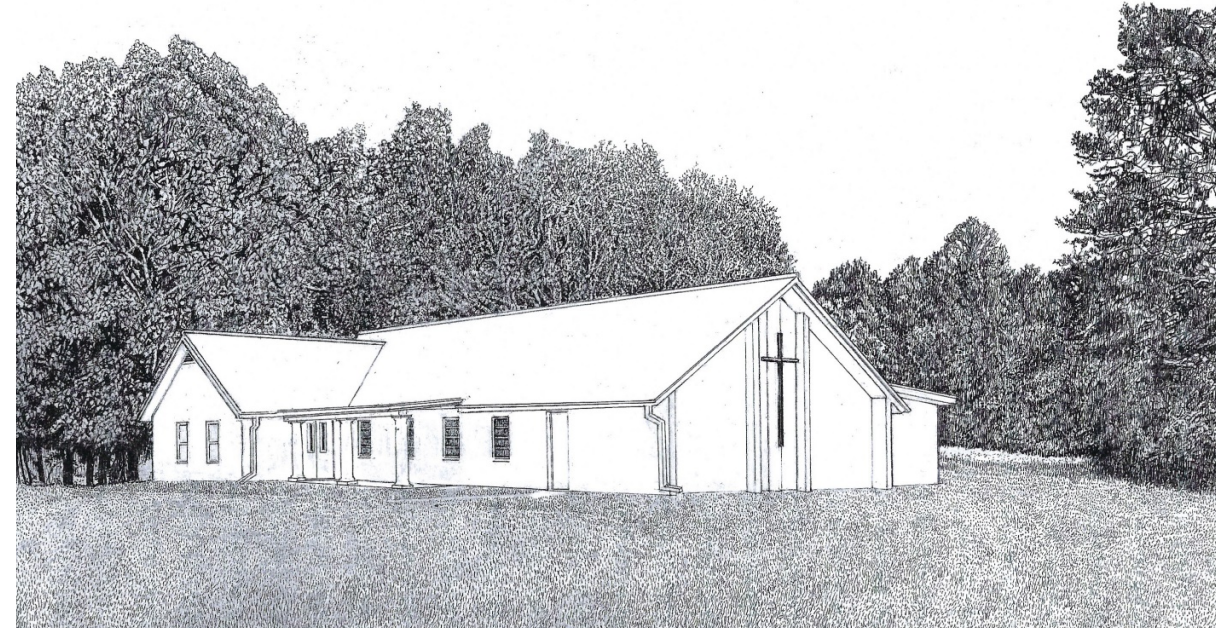
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