

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, January 30, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
4th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude "The God of Abraham Praise" Larson

Introit "With All My Heart" Mason

(With all my heart I want to love You, Lord, and live my life each day to know You more. All that is in me is Yours completely, I'll serve You only, with all my heart.)

***Call to Worship** *(From the hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling")*

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.

***Prayer for the Day**

God of death, life, and resurrection we are grateful for life and all its gifts. Increase in us the stuff that life is made of— faith, hope, and love, but especially love— that we may abide with you eternally through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

A Call to Confession

Trust in the One who made us and redeemed us. Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new. **Thanks be to God!**

Now may the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

We Hear God's Word

Anthem "Jesus Is All the World to Me" Pethel

(Jesus is all the world to me, My life, my joy, my all; He is my strength from day to day, Without Him I would fall, When I am sad, to Him I go, No other one can cheer me so; When I am sad, He makes me glad, He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better Friend; I trust Him now, I'll trust Him when Life's fleeting days shall end. Beautiful life with such a Friend, Beautiful life that has no end; Eternal life, eternal joy, He's my Friend.)

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 6:1 - 8

Epistle Lesson I John 4:9 - 16

Gospel Lesson John 1:1 - 18

Sermon "Herein Is Love" the Reverend Dr. John Dudley

***An Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! Amen!

***Hymn 60**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Offertory Sentence

Friends, let us love not only in our words but also in our deeds through the tithes and offering that we give today.

Offertory

“The Gift of Love”

McDonald

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People - Our 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 and ever. Amen.

We Go in God’s Name

***Hymn 498**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Charge

Empowered by God’s love for you, go out and love your neighbors, the ones just like you and those different from you.

Benediction

Now may the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit go with us all.

Postlude

“This Is My Father’s World”

Rouse



Congregational meeting to follow.

This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sunday	9:00 am	Breakfast in the Ewell Martin Room
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship
Wednesday	7:15 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Thursday	10:30 am	Thursday Morning Bible Study

Last Week's Record

1/23/22 Attendance - 28 here; 81 views on Facebook

Welcome to Worship!

We are happy to welcome all who worship with us in the sanctuary today. We also welcome those who join us online. We are especially glad to welcome visitors. Please join us again soon!

Welcome to the Reverend Dr. John Dudley

Reverend Dr. John Dudley has served as a Presbyterian minister for fifty years. For the past forty-six years he has carried out his ministry as a member of the Presbytery of Mississippi. In addition to his work as a pastor, he has taught mathematics at the University of Southern Mississippi for many years. John and his wife Cathy will soon celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary.

Pastor Nominating Committee/Congregational Meeting

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting today, Sunday, January 30, 2022, immediately following the morning worship service, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee. The Session has proposed the following slate of nominees: Andrew DeCoux, Robbie DeCoux, Suzi Drummond, Stacey Moak, Sarah Ross, Joseph Spurgeon, Rusty Whittington, and Noggin Wild.

The Pastor Nominating Committee will meet with the Rev. Dr. Joan Gandy, Moderator and Liaison for Presbytery, on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. in the Ewell Martin Room.

Winter Brings Opportunities to Feed Hungry People

We continue to provide carry out meals to our community in partnership with the other downtown churches on Tuesday evenings. We feed about 30 people each week. J.J. White will be responsible for providing the meal on Tuesday, February 15.

Thanks to all who have brought food to send home with kids from Higgins School on the weekends. Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry. Please remember to avoid food with peanuts or peanut butter. We need your help to replenish our supply in the new year.

Melisa DeCoux can provide more information on how to help with both ministries.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Bible Study group will meet on Thursday, February 3, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study is N.T. Wright's *Paul for Everyone - the Prison Letters* (beginning with Ephesians).

News from Presbyterian Women of JJ White

Mark your calendar for February 8, the next PW meeting! Please plan to join us for a Valentine's luncheon and lesson on Tuesday, February 8, at 11:30. Contact Sarah Ross with any questions.

"Souper" Bowl Sunday - February 13th

Bring your signature soup, salad or dessert! We'll have lunch together in the Fellowship Hall, following the morning worship service. Sign up sheet is on the front pew, or email the church office.

Donations for the Higgins School Weekend Meals project and/or MICA will be welcomed at this event.

Save the Date for Centennial Homecoming

Please mark your calendars for April 2 - 3, when we will celebrate 100 years of worship services in our J. J. White Memorial sanctuary. It will be a weekend filled with history, memories, reunions, music, worship and celebration! Please let us know of friends and former members we should include in Centennial news updates by sending to Beth Wild, bwild@bellsouth.net.

Looking to January and Beyond

Beginning in January, if you have updates for the prayer list or announcements that need to be in the bulletin, please contact Stephanie Butler, Church Secretary, between 10 am and 2 pm Monday-Friday or Suzi Drummond. Also please let the Church Office know about hospitalizations and other pastoral care needs so she can pass them to Session members.

Giving Statements

Your 2021 Giving Statement will be mailed in late January. Please see Wayne Hutchison, SaraBeth Williams, or Stephanie Butler in the Church Office with questions. Stephanie works from 10 am until 2 pm Monday through Friday.

Pledge Cards

Pledge cards for 2022 may be placed in the offering plate or turned in at the church office. Additional pledge cards are available on the table at the main entrance to the sanctuary, or you may contact the church office to have one mailed to you.

Flowers

The flowers in our sanctuary this morning were presented by Sharon White to the glory of God and to honor the members of the Seekers Sunday School Class.



Flowers for February

- 6 Rusty Whittington
- 13 Stacey Moak
- 20 Debbi & Tommy Brock
- 27 Wayne Hutchison