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**J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, January 9, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Baptism of The Lord**

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude "Wade in the Water" Hayes

***Call to Worship**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.**

***Prayer for the Day**

Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into the same life-giving mission.

May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 29 O Worship the King**

A Call to Confession

God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.

Prayer of Confession

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Beloved, God forgives your sins; know that you are pardoned.

Thanks be to God!

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

We Hear God's Word

Anthem

"Baptized in Water"

Saward

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleaned by the blood of Christ, our King; heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King; one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King; born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

Scripture Readings Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon "Called by Name" the Rev. Chris Richardson

***An Affirmation of Faith** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching Good News to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the Gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! 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 259** **“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

Offertory Sentence

As people who have passed through the waters of baptism, let us make our grateful offering to God our Redeemer.

Offertory **“Shall We Gather at the River”** **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 612** **“How Firm a Foundation”**

***Benediction**

Go from this place confident that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with you always.

***Charge**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord! Amen.

Postlude **“We Know That Christ Is Raised”** **Stanford**



This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

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| Sunday | 9:00 am | Breakfast in the Ewell Martin Room |
| | 9:30 am | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am | Worship |
| Wednesday | 7:15 am | Men's Prayer Breakfast |

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 Chris Richardson

Rev. Chris Richardson works part time as a chaplain for Hospice Ministries and is an elder in full connection in the UMC. She is a graduate of Duke Divinity School. Chris has lived in Pike County since getting married to her husband Kevin in 2004. They have three children: Colin, Brooke and Emma.

Elders

Elders currently on the Session are Melisa DeCoux, Suzi Drummond, Tommy Ratcliff, Whitney Rawlings, Dennis Ross, Joseph Spurgeon, Randy White, Rusty Whittington, and Beth Wild. Our Moderator is Rev. Joan Gandy. The next Session meeting will be held on Sunday, January 16, 2022, 2 p.m., in the Ewell Martin Room.

Pastor Nominating Committee

If you would like to be considered for the Pastor Nominating Committee, or would like to recommend someone, please let an Elder know within the next two weeks. You may also write your recommendation and drop it in the offering plate.

The Pastor Nominating Committee in the PCUSA is described as follows: "The pastor nominating committee (PNC), representative of the whole congregation and elected by the congregation, has the ultimate responsibility for nominating a minister to the congregation for election as the next pastor Over a number of months, the PNC will journey through the pastoral search process, seeking to hear the call of Christ and "to participate in God's own choice" for our next pastor." (pcusa.org)

The Session will be meeting on Sunday, January 16, and will nominate a slate. A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30, immediately following the morning worship service, to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee.

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 is responsible for providing meals on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

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.

Update from Our Session on Wednesday Night Activities

We are reorganizing some church activities this month and Wednesday Night Suppers have been postponed until further notice. Watch your church email and the Sunday bulletin for updates.

The choir, under the direction of Jennifer Sanders, will rehearse at 10 a.m. in the choir room on Sunday mornings, starting January 9. You are welcome to join them.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Bible Study group will meet on Thursday, January 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Ewell Martin Room. The participants will begin a new study soon. If you want to be a part of this group contact Shelli Quayhagen for more information.

News from Presbyterian Women of JJ White

Mark your calendar for February 8, the next PW meeting! For January, we are pausing during the Covid surge, expecting to resume next month. 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.

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.

A Word About Year-End Giving

All checks dated in 2021 will be posted to your 2021 Giving Statement, which will be mailed in late January. After January 10, all giving will be posted to 2022 Giving Statements. 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 for 2022 may be placed in the offering plate or turned in at the church office.

Flowers

The flowers in our sanctuary this morning were presented by Sue and Win Sullivan to the glory of God as He guides us in our search for a new Pastor.

January Flowers

Jan. 16 Dori Toler; Jan. 23 Suzi and John Drummond; Jan. 30 Sharon White

