

**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, October 10, 2021, 10:30 am
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

A Thought Before Worship

We gather so that God's Word can be for us both life and action.

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude **"Wonderful Words of Life"** **McKibben**

***Call to Worship**

God is holy, enthroned on the praise of faithful people everywhere!

Our ancestors trusted in God, and God delivered them!

People have always cried out to God, and they were saved. When they trusted in God, they were not put to shame!

God is indeed holy. All praise to God now and forever!

Let us worship God!

***Prayer for the Day**

Faithful, listening God, hear your Church today as we pray and bring our joys and our concerns, our thanksgivings and our requests. Fill us with the assurance that you hear our words and our thoughts, our songs and our tears. We pray in the name of the One who always shows us the way, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 353** **"For the Beauty of the Earth"**

A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 90:12-17

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Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many times as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest among your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands.

A Call to Confession

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A Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are the maker of justice and the source of all righteousness, the One who hears the cries of the suffering and who fills the hunger of the poor. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect your just love; when we have food and food leftover, yet we do not share it with those in need, when we have your Word before and within us, yet we cover our ears so it won't make us uncomfortable. Forgive us, Good Lord, and teach us to follow always in your way. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Thanks be to God!

Now may the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

We Hear God's Word

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

A Reading from the Epistles: Hebrews 4:12-16

Sermon "Alive and Active!" the Rev. Bob Phelps

***An Affirmation of Faith**

This is the Good News which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are being saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sin according to the Scripture, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared, first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that this Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. 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 45 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

Offertory Sentence

All that we have—our lives, our possessions—all that we have comes from God, to whom we owe everything. Come, then, and give in response to what God has given us.

Offertory

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

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 648**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

***Benediction**

May Almighty God, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega, be with you now and forever.

***Charge**

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

***Postlude**

“You Are My All In All”

Hayes.

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 and in print. We are especially glad to welcome visitors. Please join us again soon!

Church Picnic on October 24

We'll move all morning activities to Percy Quinn Park on Sunday, October 24! Several will go out early to set up and begin cooking. We invite you to join us there for worship outdoors at our regular 10:30 am time. We'll be a little more casual than normal, but we'll worship together in the beauty of creation. Please bring lawn chairs.

Food: We'll provide meat and drinks
We invite you to bring sides, salads, and desserts.

You will not have to pay the gate admission fee to get into the park. Simply tell the people at the gate that you are with J. J. White Church.

Bob and Deanna's Retirement

Bob and Deanna will be retiring from ministry at the end of this year. Bob has been working in ministry since 1985. Deanna has served in various musical roles since before then. They will be relocating to Albertville, Alabama where Bob will serve as Supply Pastor for First Presbyterian Church there. They will be within an hour of both their boys. Please keep them in your prayers during this time of transition. Also keep the Session here in your prayers as they guide the Church through transition too.

This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Today:	9:00 am	Breakfast in Ewell Martin Room
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	Elder Nominating Committee—Ewell Martin Rm
Wednesday:	7:15 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	5:15 pm	Supper
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
		<u>Lies My Preacher Told Me</u> (Chapters 4&5)
Thursday:	10:30 am	Bible Study—Gospel of John

Last Week's Record

10-3--21 Attendance-----46 here; 52 views on Facebook
Offering, 10-3-21:-----\$62.71.00

Presbyterian Women Meet on Tuesday

Presbyterian Women (PW) will meet for Bible study, mission planning, fellowship, and lunch at 11:30 am Tuesday, October 12, in the Fellowship Hall. They will continue their study of this year's PW Bible study, What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus. All women of the Church are invited and encouraged to participate. See Sarah Ross for more information.

Flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in honor of her children: Christiaan, Tom, and Kya and with thanksgiving for the blessing that children are.