

**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church  
McComb, Mississippi  
The Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, October 3, 2021, 10:30 am  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday**

*A Thought Before Worship  
God is still speaking. We are here to listen!*

*Welcome and Announcements*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude**                      **"In Christ There is No East or West"**                      **Hayes**

**Introit**                      **"Gathered in God's Name"**                      **Burkhardt**

*(Gathered in God's name 'round the table and font. Gathered as one family in the name of love.  
Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place, gathered as strangers and friends,  
gathered and gifted by grace. Gathered in God's name 'round the living Word. Gathered as  
one family in the name of love.)*

**\*Call to Worship**

God spoke to our ancestors through prophets.

**But in these last days God has spoken to us through his Son, Jesus Christ.**

Jesus is the reflection of God's glory, and he sustains all things in this world by his powerful Word. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should give his only Son to suffer for our salvation.

**Therefore, we will proclaim God's name. Let us worship God!**

**\*Prayer for the Day**

**Faithful God, we give you thanks that nothing can separate us from your love. We gather here in your presence this morning so that we may learn how to abide in you forever. This is our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 743**

**"Christ For the World We Sing"**

**A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 8**

O Lord, our Sovereign how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

**O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

### **A Call to Confession**

Hear the Good News: We have an advocate always: Jesus Christ, who stooped down to save us from our sin and rose in glory to reign forever. Let us confess our sin and find God's grace together:

### **A Prayer of Confession**

**United in your love, Good and Gracious God, we are one body across the globe. We are branches of one family, whose roots run deep in the waters of grace. Still, O Lord, we do not always act as one body. We find ways to distance ourselves with more than miles. We find ways to divide ourselves into endless groups of "us" and "them." Again and again, you call us back to the water of life. Again and again we turn away! Forgive us, uniting God, and, by your forgiveness challenge us to tend to one another's needs. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Hear the Good News: God calls us his own beloved children. Jesus calls us sisters and brothers. This is the Good News of God's grace: In Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven!

**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 Gospels: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12**

**Sermon**

**"We See Jesus"**

**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 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 115                      “Fairest Lord Jesus”**

## **The Sacrament of Communion for World Communion Day**

### **Invitation to God’s Table      “Break Thou the Bread of Life”      Pethel**

*(Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord; my spirit longs for thee, O Living Word. Bless thou the truth dear Lord, to me, to me. As thou didst break the bread by Galilee. Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall, and I shall find my peace, my all in all. Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me. Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me. Give me to eat and live with thee above. Teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love. Break thou the bread of life!)*

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

**It is always right and our greatest joy to give God thanks and praise....**

....we join in giving you praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest....**

...Believing Christ’s promise of eternal life, we live in him and declare the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again....**

...Now, as our Savior taught us, let us pray:

**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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

A Prayer After Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**And forget not all of God's benefits. Amen.**

**Offertory Sentence**

Remember how freely you have received. Now go and freely give.

**Offertory                    "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"                    Fettke**

**\*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**

**We Go in God's Name**

**\*Hymn 612                    "How Firm a Foundation"**

**\*Benediction**

May the grace of God lift you up. May the love of God hold you close. May the blessing of God be yours today and forever more.

**\*Charge**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

**\*Postlude                    "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"                    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!

## **Elder Nominating Committee**

Nicky and Joanna Barr, Robbie and Andrea DeCoux, Natalie Simo, Joseph Spurgeon, India Warshauer, Beth Wild and Whit Williams will comprise this year's Elder Nominating Committee. They will be meeting soon to recommend people to serve terms on the Session from 2022-2024. Elders Ally Allred, Andrew Decoux, and Wayne Hutchison will complete their terms on the Session in December. If you have suggestions, please see a member of the Committee. We will hold a congregational meeting later this month to receive their nominations. Please keep this process in your prayers.

## **Storm Recovery Work**

We need 2-3 volunteers to join a team from Westminster Church, Hattiesburg and First Church, Natchez on a storm recovery workday in Louisiana on Friday, October 8. We will be removing debris and doing other work outdoors. More details will come this week. If you can go, please see Bob. We will need to bring our own tools, supplies, lunch, and water.

## **Welcome to God's Table**

We welcome all who trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to celebrate Communion with us. You have several options. If you are comfortable coming to the Table, Bob and an elder will serve you there. Gluten free bread is available. If you prefer to remain in the pew, sealed communion elements are available at each entrance or an elder can bring you bread and the cup from the Table. This is the Lord's Table. All are welcome here.

## **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
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 2&3)
	6:30 pm	Choir rehearsal
Thursday:	10:30 am	Bible Study—Gospel of John

### **Last Week's Record**

**9--26--21 Attendance-----33 here; 52 views on Facebook  
Offering, 9-26-21:-----\$9914.00**

### **Church Picnic Coming Up in October**

Sunday, October 24, we'll gather for a church picnic at Percy Quinn State Park. Watch for more information in the next couple of weeks, but mark your calendar now so you'll be sure to be with us for this special fellowship opportunity.

### **Choir Rehearsal Has Resumed**

The choir rehearses in the choir room on Wednesdays at 6:30. If you join us for supper at 5:15 and Bible study at 6:00 pm, you'll be right on time. New singers are always welcome. Please join us.

*Flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for those who feed the flock by Sharon White.*