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**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church**

**McComb, Mississippi**

**The Service for the Lord's Day**

**Sunday, November 21, 2021, 10:30 am**

**Last Sunday after Pentecost --- Christ the King!**

**The Sacrament of Baptism—Reception of New Members**

*A Thought Before Worship*

*The Spirit opens our hearts to receive the Word of Truth,  
then sets us free to follow the call of Christ's love!*

*Welcome and Announcements*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude            "He Is Exalted"            Larson**

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

**(Gathered in God's name 'round the peace of the Lord. Gathered as one family in the name of love. Gathered from near and from 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. In the name of love. In the name of love.)**

## **\*Call to Worship**

Come and see the kind of King Christ came to be!

**Like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming  
from the dew on a grassy land!**

Come and see the kind of King Christ came to be!

**A power that shall never pass away and a love that can  
never be destroyed!**

We follow Jesus who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

**The Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,  
the One who was and is and is to come. Let us worship  
God!**

## **\*Prayer for the Day**

**Eternally Gracious God, Jesus taught us that true power  
is made known in service. You call us to love you, our  
neighbors, and ourselves as we reveal your reign of  
peace to the world. Give us a will to do this work and  
the grace we need to accomplish it, with you, in Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit, on earth as it  
is in heaven. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 5                   “Come, Thou Almighty King”**

## **A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 93**

The Lord is King. He is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

**He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.**

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

**More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord. Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore!**

### **A Call to Confession**

Jesus Christ is not just King of kings and Lord of lords, he is also our Savior, and he longs for us to know life in all its fullness. He offers us renewal and refreshment, hope and forgiveness. Let us trust in the promise of the Gospel as we make our confession today.

### **A Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sin too often blocks out his light in our lives. We are too quick to accuse and too slow to confess. We find fault with others while we**

**ignore our own shortcomings. We squander your gifts. We turn from your ways. We ignore your Word. Have mercy on us, Compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us in your love, and cleanse us with your grace so that, day by day, we can move closer to being the people you call us to be. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

The Resurrection of Jesus shows us that the grace of God is stronger than death and that the love of God has no boundary. This is Good News indeed! 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**

**Anthem      "We Gather Together"                      arr. Hopson**

*(We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing. He chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing; sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining, his kingdom divine. So from the beginning the fight we are winning; thou, Lord, was at our side, all glory be thine. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender will be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation. Thy name be ever praised, O Lord make us free!)*

**A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word**

**A Reading from the Gospels:                      John 18:33-37**

**Sermon "Born For This"                      the Rev. Bob Phelps**

**\*Hymn 108      "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

**The Sacrament of Baptism      Avery Lynn Jackson  
    Colton Wade Jacks**

**Presentation**

**Profession of Faith**

**\*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!***

**Thanksgiving Over the Water**

**The Rite of Baptism**

**The Blessing**

**Reception New Members Tommy and Debbi Brock**

**Presentation**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Welcome to the Church**

**We welcome you with joy into the common life of this Church. We promise you our friendship and our prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and, together, be witnesses of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Prayer of Blessing**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Jesus said that everyone who belongs to the Truth will listen to his voice. Heeding his words with grateful hearts, now let us bring our offerings for God's Church.**



**Offertory      “Give Thanks”**

**Hayes**

**\*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 745      “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”**

**\*Benediction**

May the Lord God who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty, be your strength, your hope, and your joy, today and forevermore!

**\*Charge**

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

**Postlude      “The Solid Rock”**

**Berry**

## **This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church**

Today: 9:00 am Breakfast in the Ewell Martin Room  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

Monday: 6:00 pm Choir rehearsal - Change in time for this week only

Wednesday: Activities will not meet this week—Thanksgiving holiday.

Join us again next Wednesday

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day and Friday - Church Office closed

### **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!

## **November Brings Opportunities to Feed on Tuesday Nights**

We will be coordinating meals for the hungry of our community with other downtown churches on Tuesday nights during November, December, January, and February. We will serve on the third Tuesday of those months. See Melisa DeCoux to see how you can help with this important ministry. We are in partnership with Centenary United Methodist, First Christian, Church of the Mediator Episcopal and St. Al's Catholic congregations.

## **Chicken on a Stick for Missions**

Thanks to all who helped make our Chicken on a Stick fundraiser for Missions a success. We sold 520 servings. We'll let you know how we disburse funds to our Mission Partners.

## **It's a Baby!**

Kennon and Heidi Singley will welcome a new baby around Christmas. They have chosen not to know the gender ahead of time. Kennon coordinated (and cooked) our Wednesday suppers for a long time before moving to Louisiana. We will celebrate with Kennon and Heidi and their upcoming baby on Wednesday, December 1. We'll plan a special menu and celebration. They have a baby registry at [babylist.com](http://babylist.com). A printed copy of the registry is available, too. Please plan to help us welcome this new little one on December 1.

## **Help Us Feed Kids at Higgins**

Your gifts of food are making a difference in the lives of children at Higgins School. Every weekend, several kids at Higgins receive a pack of food to get them through the weekend. See Melisa DeCoux for more information about how you can help. Thanks to the PW for their help in assembling food bags.

## **Meistersingers Christmas Concert**

The Meistersingers, a chamber choir in Hattiesburg, will present a concert of Christmas music on Saturday, December 4, at 3:00 pm at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Hattiesburg. Our pastor sings in this choir. Donations will be accepted.

## **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

We'll ring bells for the Salvation Army on three Mondays during the holiday season: Monday, November 29 and December 6 at WalMart (Grocery side) and Monday, December 13, at McComb Market. Sign up sheets are on the front pew. Thanks for helping us help others.

**Flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Libby DeCoux Simo by her parents, Robbie and Andrea DeCoux**