

**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church  
McComb, Mississippi  
The Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, November 7, 2021, 11:00 am  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
All Saints' Remembrance**

*A Thought Before Worship*

God's Word is life, and God's promises are trustworthy and true.

*Welcome and Announcements*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude**

**"Holy Ground"**

**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 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**

We gather to worship surrounded by the great cloud of all the faithful.

**We gather to praise God with the saints of generations before us.**

Let us worship the One who weeps with us and laughs with us,

**And offers us the promise of life everlasting.**

**Let us worship God!**

**\*Prayer for the Day**

**God of all glory, we gather here in your house today with the saints of every time and place to honor and praise your holy name. As you have revealed your mercy and might to your faithful people in every age, so let us glimpse, even if through tears, the mystery of your life-giving grace and the love that even death cannot destroy, through Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 749**

**"Rejoice in God's Saints"**

**A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 24**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord: And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing**

**from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in. Who is the King of Glory?

**The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in. Who is the King of Glory?

**The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory!**

### **A Call to Confession**

God has promised to make us into a new creation, laying to rest all the former things and making all things new. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin and claim God's forgiveness.

### **A Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty and Everlasting God, when Jesus saw that his friend, Lazarus, was dead, he began to weep. So you weep with us, Good Lord, when we are surrounded by death and decay. Unbind us, Lord, from the destructive forces we perpetuate. Unbind us from greed, power, and shame. Unbind us from solitude, self-righteousness, and self-doubt. Bind us instead to one another and to you. Forgive us when we do not live as new creation, and, by your grace, free us from all that keeps us bound. This is our prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

Hear the Good News: The One who is seated at the right hand of God says, "See, I am making all things new. Even now it begins." 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**

**"Father, Lead Me Day by Day"**

**Hopson**

*(Father, lead me day by day, ever in thine own strong way; help me always to be true, show me what I ought to do. When in danger, make me brave, make me know that thou canst save; keep me safely by thy side; let me in thy love abide. When I'm tempted to do wrong, make me steadfast, wise, and strong. And when all alone I stand, shield me with thy mighty hand. Amen.)*

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

**A Reading from the New Testament: Revelation 21:1-6a**

**Sermon**

**"All Things New!"**

**the Rev. Bob Phelps**

**\*An Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for Good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will ever be able to 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 558      “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **Invitation to God’s Table**

### **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 to the Lord our God.

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

....who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.**

**Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever....**

....that our lives may proclaim Jesus Christ, the One crucified and risen:

**We remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory....**

....as our Savior taught us to pray when he said:

**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**

**God of glory, in his holy feast you make us one with Christ and with the great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger and thirst no more, those who worship night and day in your presence. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life until we join the great choir of all the redeemed singing, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb, Jesus Christ, our Lord.” Amen.**

#### **A Prayer of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for All Saints'**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for all your saints and servants who have lived justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you, their God.

##### **For all the high and holy ones,**

Who have done wonders and been shining lights in the world, we give you thanks.

##### **For all the meek and lowly ones,**

Who have earnestly sought you in darkness, held fast to their faith in times of trial, and who have done good as they have had opportunity, we give you thanks.

##### **Especially, we give thanks for those whom we have known and loved:**

*(As we call each name, we will pause briefly to remember, to pray, and to give thanks for each life and witness.)*

#### **We remember:**

**Sue Lawson White**

**John Boyd**

**Phyllis Turner**

**Ann Jackson**

**Libby Robinson**

#### **And we remember:**

We thank you for these who, by their patient obedience and self-denial, steadfast hope, and helpfulness in trouble, have shown the same kind that was in Christ Jesus. As they have comforted and upheld our spirits, grant us grace to follow in their steps, and at last to share with them in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## **Offertory Sentence**

Who is worthy to stand in the presence of God? Those who offer their whole lives to God—heart and mind and soul and strength—they will receive the blessing of the Lord. Let our gifts come from committed and grateful hearts.

**Offertory**

**“Be Not Afraid”**

**Forrest**

**\*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**

**We Go in God’s Name**

**\*Hymn 751**

**“For All the Saints”**

**\*Benediction**

May the Lord, our God—the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end—be with you this day and forevermore. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Charge**

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

**Postlude**

**“Marching to Zion”**

**Choplin**

**Flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Leslie Alan Walman and in celebration of our years with Deanna and Bob and their service to J. J. White Church by Tommy and Jane Walman.**

**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!

### **New Elders Elected**

In a congregational meeting held last Sunday, we elected Melisa DeCoux, Suzi Drummond, and Whitney Rawlings to serve terms on the Session from 2022-2024. Elders Ally Allred, Andrew DeCoux, and Wayne Hutchison will complete their terms on the Session at the end of this year. Please give thanks for all these leaders in your prayers.

### **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.

### **Welcome Stephanie Butler**

Stephanie Butler is our new Church Secretary. She will be working Monday through Friday from 10 am until 2 pm. Please stop by and say hello!

### **Presbyterian Women Meet Tuesday**

Presbyterian Women will meet for lunch, Bible Study, mission planning and fellowship on Tuesday at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

### **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
Tuesday:	11:30 am	Presbyterian Women—Fellowship Hall
Wednesday:	7:15 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	5:15 pm	Supper
	6:00 pm	Bible Study <u>Lies My Preacher Told Me</u> (Chapter 10)
	6:30 pm	Choir rehearsal
Thursday:	10:30 am	Bible Study—Gospel of John

**Last Week's Record**  
**10-31--21 Attendance----- 41 here; 42 views on Facebook**  
**Offering, 10-31-21:-----\$5555.00**

**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**

On Friday, November 19, we will be selling chicken on a stick as Mission Fundraiser. All proceeds will go to our Mission Partners. Tickets are \$8.00 each and are available from any of the Hutchison crew. You can pick up your chicken on a stick at Pike National Bank, Main Branch, on Rawls Drive between 10am and 2 pm on that Friday. See Melisa DeCoux or SaraBeth Hutchison for more information or for tickets.

**Choir rehearsal continues this Wednesday. New singers are welcome.  
Christmas music is in the air!**