

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church  
McComb, Mississippi  
The Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, March 27, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
4th Sunday in Lent

## Welcome and Announcements

### We Gather in God's Name

**Prelude** "Ah, Holy Jesus" Page

**Introit** "How Beautiful" Paris

*How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.  
How beautiful the tender eyes that choose to forgive and never despise.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.*

**\*Call to Worship** *from Ps. 32*

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

**\*Prayer of the Day** *Luke 15:20; 2 Cor. 5:18-20*

**Gracious God, seeker of the lost:**

**Draw your children back to your loving embrace,  
restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons,  
and reconcile our hearts to you,  
that we may become ambassadors  
of your reconciling love to all the world.**

**Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 451** "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

## **Call to Confession**

Trusting the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ,  
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God,**

**We confess that we have strayed from your ways.** *Luke 15:11b-24*

**Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance.**

**You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's  
resources and hoard its bounty.**

**You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions.**

**You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing,  
but we break your law and forsake your love.**

**Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance.**

**Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom  
in obedience to your love.**

**Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

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

As a parent welcomes home a wayward child,  
so God embraces all who return in true repentance.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

Now may the peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

Amen.

## **We Hear God's Word**

**Anthem**

**"Lamb of God"**

**Paris**

*Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent Him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod,  
and to become the Lamb of God. Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as  
he died, the humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.*

*I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff  
and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.*

*Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the Holy Lamb of God.*

*Oh wash me in his precious blood, till I am just a lamb of God.*

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

**Scripture**            2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
                              Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

**Sermon**            “The Inheritance: Grace – Even for the “Entitled”  
                              the Reverend Dr. Catherine Cook

**\*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!**

**\*Hymn 502            “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”**

**Offertory Sentence**

As people of the New Creation,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

**Offertory**            “What Wondrous Love is This?”                            Rouse

**\* 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 - The 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 34**

#### **"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"**

### **Charge**

Go forth as ambassadors for Christ,  
in whom we have new life.

*2 Cor. 5:20*

### **Benediction**

The God of reconciliation bless you.  
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you, and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you this day and forevermore.

*2 Cor. 5:19*

### **Postlude**

"Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

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

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

## **Last Week's Record**

3/20/22 Attendance - 37

3/20/22 Offering - \$4791

## **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 Dr. Catherine Cook**

Catherine is from Jackson, MS, where she and her sister, Libba, share their family home. Before moving back to Jackson in 2014, Catherine served two Presbyterian(USA) churches in the Green Mountains of east central Vermont for 23 years. She supplies pulpits in our presbytery and in east Louisiana.

## **Clean and Polish....**

A work day is scheduled for this Saturday, March 26, (8:30 a.m.- noon) to clean and polish and put the finishing touches on the redecorating and repair work that will be completed by Saturday. Your help is needed!

# CENTENNIAL HOMECOMING



SATURDAY, APRIL 2

**1 p.m. Organ Concert** Mr. David Ryall, Organist

**2 p.m. Tours & Tales**

Move with your group through these 15-minute segments for a glimpse of the rich and lively history of this wonderful church.

Tour 1 <b>Architecture</b>	Dr. Lynn Miller
Tour 2 <b>J. J. White History</b>	Dr. Robbie DeCoux
Tour 3 <b>Musical Treasures</b> Choir Room	Dr. Roger Nickerson
Tour 4 <b>Missions Accomplished</b> 2nd floor classroom	Mr. John Drummond Mr. Phil Terrell
Tour 5 <b>Camp Sunshine Origins</b> 2nd floor classroom	Mrs. Margaret Ann Macloud Pastor Charles Ray
Tour 6 <b>Our Scouting Heritage</b> 1st fl, Ewell Martin Rm	Ms. Janet Stewart Mr. Nathan Wells

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

**9:15 a.m. Joint Sunday School** Pastor Charles Ray

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service** Rev. Dr. Steve Ramp

## **Cornerstone Ceremony, Rededication and Celebration**

At the conclusion of the morning worship service, we will refill the copper box that rested in our cornerstone (until it was unearthed in July 2021) with historical images and data for our descendants to open 100 years from now. Join us as we place it back in the cornerstone, then celebrate in the Fellowship Hall with lunch and a happy time of reunion.



The flowers in our sanctuary this morning were provided by Georgia Mendonides to the glory of God and in memory of her "adopted sister" Betty Sue Worthy.

April Flowers

3 Suzy White Williams  
10 Palm Sunday - Carol Rawlings

17 Easter - Carol Rawlings  
24 June Hart