

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

*A Thought Before Worship*

*Come, Holy Spirit. Fill our lives with the gift of your presence.*

*Welcome and Announcements*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude**

**"Three in One"**

**Stewart**

**\*Call to Worship**

Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, and Abiding Spirit!

**Glory to God forever and ever!**

Jesus said that the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit. He says that the way to take part in that dream is to be born of water and the Spirit. That gift is available to all of us today. While we are here, we can receive God's Spirit, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in God's love.

**Then let us worship God whose love cannot be bound.**

**\*Prayer for the Day**

**Holy God, source of all goodness, you gave your Son for the life of the world, and you sent your Spirit so that your love would abide with us. Teach us how to love one another so that we may have life, and have it abundantly, with you, in Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 2**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

**A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 29**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. **The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.**

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!”**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

### **A Call to Confession**

Let us confess our sin to the One who offers everlasting life as a gift.

### **A Prayer of Confession**

**You so loved the world, O God, that you came among us to feel our pain, to amplify our joy, and to bless our broken stories. You so loved the world that you are among us still, calling us by your Spirit to follow where your love leads us. Forgive us when we do not listen, O God, when we forget the love you have for us and the love you call us to share with one another. Forgive us, three-in-one God, and let your love transform our lives. Amen.**

### **Assurance of God’s Forgiveness**

Sisters and brothers, hear the Good News: God does not call us to be mindless slaves, but adopted children! God has taken away our guilt and blotted out our sin. We are God’s beloved children—forgiven, loved and free. In Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven, and God’s peace is with us.

**Thanks be to God!**

Now may the peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

**A Piano Interlude**

**“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

**Rutter**

*Jennifer Sanders, piano*

## **We Hear God’s Word**

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

**A Reading from the Epistles:**

**Romans 8:12-17**

**Sermon**

**A More Certain Identity**

**the Rev. Bob Phelps**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the**

only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.*

**Offertory Sentence:** With loving and grateful hearts, let us bring today's

offerings for the work of the Church to God

**Offertory**

**"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"**

**Walworth**

**\*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. Amen.*

**\*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**

**"Holy, Holy"**

**(insert)**

**\*Benediction**

May the words of the Psalmist go with us as we go from worship today: May the Lord give strength to his people. May the Lord bless his people with peace. And

may the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and restores, go with us now and always.

**\*Charge**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

**\*Postlude**

**“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”**

**Holstein**

*Today’s flowers are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Loreice Naklie’s birthday on Tuesday, June 1, by her daughters Marie and Kay.*

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

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

Monday:                Memorial Day Holiday—Church Office Closed

Wednesday:         7:15 am    Men’s Prayer Breakfast  
                              10:00 am    Presbytery Cabinet meets on Zoom

Thursday:             10:30 am    Bible Study—Ewell Martin Room.

Next Sunday:        Sermon:    Losing Our Connection --- Genesis 3:8-15

**News of the Church**

**Last Week’s Record**

**5-23-21 Attendance-----61 here; 53 views on Facebook**  
**Welcome Back Picnic---70**  
**Offering:-----\$9930.00**

**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!

**Picnic Thanks**

Special thanks to all who helped make our Welcome Back Picnic a great event on Wednesday. Special thanks to the Hutchison Crew for cooking and helping to plan and organize. Thanks to all who helped and attended.

**Summer Choir Schedule**

The choir will sing on Sundays, June 20 and July 18. They will rehearse on the Wednesdays before those Sundays, June 16 and July 14, at 6 pm. This provides

a good opportunity for those considering a spot in the choir to come try it out with no pressure. See Deanna for more information and plan to join us for summer choir!

### **Meistersingers Will Sing on June 13 in Hattiesburg**

Our pastor sings with the Meistersingers, a community chamber choir in Hattiesburg. Like most groups, they have not sung publicly since pre-Covid days. That will change on Sunday afternoon, June 13. The group will sing two new pieces by Dan Forrest, a well-known contemporary choral composer. Forrest will be present to accompany the choir as they sing “Light Beyond Shadow” and “the breath of life.” “Light Beyond Shadow” will be a premier performance, and the groups performance of “the breath of life” will be the second time that work has been performed. The concert will be at 3:00 pm at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Hattiesburg. It is part of the summer arts festival in Hattiesburg, so it is a ticketed performance. Tickets are available online at [www.festivalsouth.org](http://www.festivalsouth.org).

There is also an opportunity to join a mass choir to sing with Dan Forrest on Saturday, June 12 at William Carey University. Information about that opportunity is also available at the Festival South website.

### **Vacation Bible School News**

Mark your calendars for Sunday-Tuesday, June 20-22. Those are the days we plan to do Vacation Bible School for children through those who have completed grade six. We'll have all the regular VBS things: Bible stories, crafts, music, food, and fun. We'll have more details soon, but mark your calendars, invite friends, and let Ally Allred know if you can help.

### **June Session Meeting Date Change**

Due to some schedule conflicts, the June Session meeting will be on Wednesday, June 16, at 5:00 pm in the Ewell Martin Room instead of their regular Sunday meeting day. Please keep Session members in your prayers.