

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church  
McComb, Mississippi  
The Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, May 8, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude**                    "God, Give Us Christian Homes"                    Berry

**Introit**                    "With All My Heart"

*(With all my heart I want to love You, Lord, and live my life each day to know You more. All that is in me is Yours completely, I'll serve You only, with all my heart.)*

### **\*Call to Worship**

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

*from Rev.7:12*

**The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

**Glory to God forever, Alleluia!**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

*from the Book of Common Worship*

**Almighty God,**

**you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together.**

**May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us,**

**listening for his voice and staying near him,**

**until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **\*Hymn 353**

**"For the Beauty of the Earth"**

## **Call to Confession**

God is present to guide our journey  
and eager to forgive us when we go astray;  
therefore, in humility and faith,  
let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God,**  
**we confess that we have strayed** *from Ps. 23; Luke 1:79*  
**from your paths of right relationship and peace,**  
**and we have dishonored you,**  
**ourselves, and your creation;**  
**we repent of these hurtful ways,**  
**Forgive us, we pray,**  
**as we learn to forgive others,**  
**and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring *from Ps. 23; Acts 9:41*  
to cleanse us of our offenses:  
therefore, know that you are forgiven  
and receive new life in Christ. **Thanks be to God!**  
Now may the peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you!**  
Amen.

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

**Special Music** "Nearer, My God, to Thee"  
Sarah Ross, clarinetist; Jennifer Sanders, pianist

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

### **Scripture**

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 36:22-28

Epistle Lesson: II Corinthians 5:16-20

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:25-30

**Sermon** "A Full Closet" the Reverend Dr. John Dudley

**\*An Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
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 389 "Happy the Home When God Is There"**



**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 and praise to God.

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

....Therefore, we join our voices with all those who sing your praise  
**Holy, holy, holy, 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....**

....for great is the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again....**

...as our Savior, Jesus, 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 grace, you renew us at your Table with the bread of life and  
the cup of salvation. Grant that this food may strengthen us in  
love and help us to serve you as we serve one another. We ask  
this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**



### **Offertory Sentence**

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”

Trusting in divine care, let us present our tithes and offerings to God  
who restores our life eternally.

### **Offertory**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

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**

#### **We Go in God's Name**

**\*Hymn 522**      **“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**      **(verses 1 & 4)**

#### **Charge**

Go forth to follow paths of righteousness;  
go forth to follow paths of peace;  
and may God's goodness and mercy  
follow you as you serve the risen Lord.

*Ps. 23:3,6*

#### **Benediction**

May Christ the Good Shepherd  
bless and guide you this day and always.

#### **Postlude**

“Love Lifted Me”

Schram



### **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**

5/1/22 Attendance - 40 here; 52 views on Facebook  
5/1/22 Offering - \$5285

## **Welcome**

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. John Dudley**

Reverend Dr. John Dudley has served as a Presbyterian minister for fifty years. For the past forty-six years he has carried out his ministry as a member of the Presbytery of Mississippi. In addition to his work as a pastor, he has taught mathematics at the University of Southern Mississippi for many years. John and his wife Cathy have celebrated their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary this year.

### **Presbyterian Women**



PW meets this Tuesday, May 10, at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for the wrap-up celebration of the year's study, along with a light luncheon and plenty of friendly socializing! See Sarah Ross with any questions.

### **Congratulations to Conner Simmons**

Congratulations to Conner Simmons – Class of 2022. He graduated from Parklane Academy on May 6!

### **Flowers**

The flowers in our sanctuary today were provided by Stacey Moak to the glory of God and in memory of Jeanie Moak and Sylvia Harris.

### **May Flowers**

May 15 Kathy and Bryan Harbour

May 22 Debbi and Tommy Brock

May 29 Naklie Girls