

**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church  
McComb, Mississippi  
The Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, June 20, 2021 10:30 am  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost --- Father's Day**

*A Thought Before Worship*

*Speak your Word to us this day, O God, and show us how to respond with awe  
and gratitude.*

*Welcome and Announcements*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude "Faith of our Fathers" Berry**

**Introit "Love the Lord, Your God" Strathee**

*(Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart Love the Lord, your God, with all your soul. Love  
the Lord, your God, with all your mind. Love the Lord, your God, with all that you are!)*

**\*Call to Worship**

Today is the day of salvation!

**God gives abundantly to all in need!**

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**God gives shelter to the weary and peace to the frightened!**

Today is the day of salvation!

**God gives forgiveness to all who cry out for the blessing of grace.**

Today is the day of salvation!

**God gives strength to all who serve and serenity to all who seek it.**

**Let us worship God!**

**\*Prayer for the Day**

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ, we seek the breadth of your power and the  
depth of your love. You do not turn from our distress, but stretch out your  
hand to heal, to comfort, and to save. All thanks and praise be to you, O  
God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 99 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

**A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 9:9-20**

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And  
those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not  
forsaken those who seek you.

**Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples. For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.

**The nations have sunk in the pit that they have made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught. The Lord has made himself known; he has exercised judgment. The wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.**

Rise up, O Lord! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you. **Put them in fear, O Lord; let the nations know that they are only human.**

### **A Call to Confession**

We are taught to strive to be strong and self-sufficient, but, in truth, we are in constant need of God's grace. In penitence and faith, let us confess our weakness to God and to one another.

### **A Prayer of Confession**

**Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when we know that you give us our very breath. We seek control over others rather than looking for ways to live together in peace. We allow fear to overtake us, even though we know our lives are in your hands. Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

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

Sisters and brothers, this is the Good News: Grace is poured out like water. Mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in goodness and love. Let us live, then, as people who have received the gift of new life. Rejoice in your baptism, for 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**                      **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**                      **Martin**

*(Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love. Here I find my greatest treasure, hither, by thy help, I've come, and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God. He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O, to grace how great a debtor*

*daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.)*

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

**A Reading from the Epistles:            2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

**Sermon    Now!    the Rev. Bob Phelps**

### **\*A Litany and Prayer for Father's Day**

The human family began with one man. The salvation of the world came through one man. Today, we celebrate the contributions of strong, godly men, especially those who are fathers, to our community of faith.

**We celebrate men who, with the wisdom of Solomon, seek God's plan for their lives and the lives they influence.**

We give thanks for men, who with the spirit of David, seek repentance and become men after God's own heart.

**We acknowledge men, who with the obedience of Abraham, follow God's direction, help shape the lives of their families, and, ultimately, change the world.**

We honor men who, like Peter, are fallible yet passionate about serving God and fervently building his Kingdom.

**As Joseph cared for his father and his brothers when they were in need, we strive to care for men in our community by sharing our resources, our time, and our unconditional love.**

We pray for men who have the inner and outward strength of Samson but who have lost their way.

**We pray for men who, like the Apostle Paul, teach us Christian principles and values.**

**And today we celebrate men who strive in all things to be like Jesus, exhibiting his character and his love.**

**O God, as you have inspired men from the beginning of time to live lives of faith and hope so now, create in today's men a new zeal for your wisdom and a strong desire to serve you in every area of their life. Grant that the fathers and other men among us might be reflections of Jesus Christ hungering for the Word and thirsting after righteousness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. 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 532                    "Surely It is God Who Saves Me!"                    (sing twice)**

**Offertory Sentence:** God calls us to open our hearts and to place no boundaries on our affection for God's people. Let today's offering show our intention to honor God's call.

**Offertory**                      **"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**                      **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 --- 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 God in God's Name**

**\*Hymn 519**

**"When Peace Like a River"**

**\*Benediction**

As you leave this place, remember that you do not leave God's presence. The Creator of the world will keep and sustain you. Jesus Christ himself walks by your side. The Spirit gives you the breath of life. Go, and be thankful.

**\*Charge**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

**\*Postlude**

**"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"**

**Geibel**

**Flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the fathers of our congregation on Father's Day by Tommy and Debbi Brock.**

## **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

Wednesday:            7:15 am    Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

### **News of the Church**

#### **Last Week's Record**

**6-13-21 Attendance----- 43 here; 72 views on Facebook**  
**Offering:-----\$2,031.00**

### **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!

### **Summer Choir Schedule**

The choir will rehearse again on July 14 and sing on July 18. Newcomers are welcome. Please see Deanna for more information. Regular rehearsals will resume in August. We are glad to have them in the loft today.

### **Attention Readers**

The Faith and Fiction Book Club is an intentionally ecumenical book group that meets at Centenary United Methodist Church. They are getting reorganized after a long Covid lay-off. The group will meet and reorganize on Thursday, July 1, at 6:30 pm in the Centenary Youth House (behind the Post Office). They'll read The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson. Everyone's welcome. The goal of the group is to find faith issues reflected in all kinds of literature. See Shelli Quayhagen for more information.

## Vacation Bible School Coming Up in July!



Vacation Bible School will be a different kind of experience for our kids and their friends this year.

We'll meet on Sunday, July 18, Monday, July 19, and Tuesday, July 20 on the following schedule

**Sunday, July 18---3:00—5:30 pm**  
**Monday, July 19---5:15---8:05 pm**  
**Tuesday, July 20—5:15—8:05 pm**

- Snack supper each night.
- We'll learn Bible stories, do crafts, learn new music and enjoy some creative play.
- We'll learn about Miriam, Moses' sister, Elijah the Prophet, and the Good Samaritan and we'll learn all kinds of ways to show and receive compassion.

### **St. Andrew's Activity Center Reopening**

What we have known as the St. Andrew's Senior Center downtown is reopening as the St. Andrew's Activity Center, offering a variety of programs and activities for adults of varied ages.

A schedule of upcoming events is available on the front pew. You can also check things out on their Facebook page.

### **Mark Your Calendars for the Fall Church Picnic Sunday, October 24 at Percy Quinn State Park**

Full details to follow, but mark your calendars now and plan to be with us for this special annual fellowship event.

### **Baby Bottle Boomerang**

Thanks to all who have participated in this year's Baby Bottle Boomerang, a fundraiser for the local Crisis Pregnancy Center. If you forgot to bring your bottle back today, may drop it by the Church Office at your convenience and we will deliver it to the Center.