

**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, July 11, 2021 10:30 am
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of Communion**

A Thought Before Worship

God's Word brings peace to all who turn to God.

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" McDonald

***Call to Worship**

We gather to worship God with songs of praise and thanksgiving.

God has blessed us in Jesus Christ, destined us to be children of God, and sealed us in the Holy Spirit.

Let us give thanks to God

And live to the praise of God's glory. Let us worship God!

***Prayer for the Day**

Loving God, yours is the justice that calls power to account. Yours is the love that calls sinners to repent. Yours is the mercy that forgives us and grants us eternal life. Lead us in the truth about Jesus, and set us free to rejoice with all our might over the great wonder you have revealed: that you are bringing all things into harmony through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 103 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim!"**

A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 85:8-13

Let me hear what God, the Lord, will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

A Call to Confession

Jesus came to assure us that God loves us with steadfast, never-failing love. Confident in this assurance, let us confess our sin before God.

A Prayer of Confession

We know, O God, that you call your people to lives of service and to works of justice.

Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our lives just loud enough to drown out your call. Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our days just busy enough to convince ourselves that we have some righteous excuse.

We know, O God, that you work for the healing of all that is broken in the world.

Heal us, O Lord, of our stubbornness and our blindness by your grace.

Forgive us, O Lord, and free us to try again. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, God forgives us and surrounds us with love which will transform our lives and our intentions. Be at peace, 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

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

A Reading from the Epistles: Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon

I Didn't Do It!

the Rev. Bob Phelps

***An Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith for Presbyterians**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness

among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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”**

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....

...joining our voices to the whole company of heaven so sing together:

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....

...as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

We remember Christ’s death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory....

...we pray with the confidence that we are children of God:

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

(We invite you to come forward, take the bread and dip it in the cup and receive both elements while you are here. If you prefer, sealed elements are available for you to take in the pew. There is also gluten-free bread available at the Table.)

A Prayer after Communion

Holy and Gracious God, you are as far away as the distant stars yet as near to us as our next breath. You meet us at this Table to remind us that we are yours. Go with us as we leave this place so that your light and your life may shine brightly through us for all to see. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Consider all that God has given us in Jesus Christ. Remember that, even now, the Holy Spirit lives in and among us. Rejoice that we are part of God's plan for all time as we bring our offerings of thanksgiving.

Offertory

"It is Well With My Soul"

Berry

***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 669**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

***Benediction**

May God fill you with joy, surround you with peace, and lead you to everlasting life.

***Charge**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

***Postlude**

"My Tribute"

Austin

Flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of her three GREAT grandchildren, Quin, Emma, and Logan (and more on the way) by June Moak.

This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Today:	9:00 am	Breakfast in Ewell Martin Room
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
Wednesday:	7:15 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	5:00 pm	Session—Ewell Martin Room
	6:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 am	Bible Study—John's Gospel

News of the Church

Last Week's Record

**7-4--21 Attendance----- 30 here; 65 views on Facebook
Offering:-----\$6365.00**

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 this Wednesday and will sing on next Sunday. 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.

July Session Meeting

The regular Session meeting for July will be this Wednesday, July 14, at 5:00 pm. Please keep these who plan and direct the ministry of our congregation in your prayers.

Vacation Bible School Will Be Here Soon!



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.

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.

Thanks to all who helped keep worship going while Bob was away at Montreat last month.