

**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church  
McComb, Mississippi  
The Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, July 18, 2021, 10:30 am  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

*A Thought Before Worship*

*Jesus is the cornerstone that holds the Church together.*

*Welcome and Announcements*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude**                      **"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"**                      **Berry**

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

*(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**

Come as you are to worship today!

**We are here, bringing our songs, our prayers, but also our worries and our fears.**

The Lord is our shepherd. Therefore, we shall not want.

**The Lord is our Redeemer! And we shall be free!**

**Let us worship God!**

**\*Prayer for the Day**

**Holy One, we want to be the sheep of your pasture. We want you to care for us, feed us, and lead us. And, down deep, once we have been strengthened by your presence, we want you to raise us up to be shepherds to others, people who offer care to those who fear and dismay, people whose lives break down the dividing walls between us so that we can show the world that Jesus Christ, your Living Word, is our peace. Make it so, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 702                      "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord!"**

**A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters.**

He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long!**

#### **A Prayer after the Psalm**

**Loving God, we hear your voice, and we know the price you paid in your son, Jesus Christ, because of your love for us. Help us to move beyond hearing and knowing to accepting the life you offer us and committing ourselves to serving others in your name, giving you all the honor, glory, and praise. Amen.**

#### **A Call to Confession**

Even our best intentions can go awry when we discover that we are not one with God's purpose. But our gracious God journeys with us, provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness so that when we repent, we find ourselves already forgiven. Confident of this never-failing love, let us confess our sin.

#### **A Prayer of Confession**

**We love you, O Lord, with our prayers and our songs. Forgive us when we do not love you with our actions. You have called us not only to be the sheep of your pasture, but to tend your sheep, to care for your people around the world, to share what you have provided for us, to reflect your love. Forgive us, O Lord, when our love for you is shallow, when our love for our neighbors is empty, and when even our love for ourselves is hard to find. Forgive us, O Lord, of all the ways we fall short, and by your forgiving grace, set us free to try again. Amen.**

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

Jesus, our Savior, offers us peace and rest from our struggle. His touch heals us and makes us whole. His Resurrection assures us of our salvation. 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**

**"The King of Love and Grace"**

**Aspaas**

*(The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Amazing grace, how sweet the*

*sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever. And he is mine forever.)*

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

**A Reading from the Epistles: Ephesians 1:11-22**

**Sermon                                      Brought Near!                                      the Rev. Bob Phelps**

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### **\*An Affirmation of Faith**

**This is the Good News which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are being saved if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sin according to the Scripture, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared, first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that this Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Thanks be to God! 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                                      "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"                                      (insert)**

### **Offertory Sentence**

God spreads a bountiful table of blessing before us. Let us express our gratitude by giving back a portion of what God has given us.

**Offertory                                      "Gentle Shepherd"                                      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 --- 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**                      **"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"**                      **(insert)**

**\*Benediction**

God has restored us in worship. Have no fear, for God is with us as we go. Go to be a dwelling place for the Lord, so that the world may see that God lives in and among us.

**\*Charge**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

**\*Postlude**                      **"How Firm a Foundation"**                      **Tornquist**

*Flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Libby DeCoux Simo by Nicky and Joanna Barr.*

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

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| Today:     | 9:00 am  | Breakfast in Ewell Martin Room     |
|            | 9:30 am  | Sunday School                      |
|            | 10:30 am | Worship                            |
|            | 3:00 pm  | VBS                                |
| Monday:    | 9:00 am  | Quilters meet in Ewell Martin Room |
|            | 5:15 pm  | VBS                                |
|            | 6:00 pm  | Genealogy Group-Ewell Martin Room  |
| Tuesday:   | 5:15 pm  | VBS                                |
| Wednesday: | 7:15 am  | Men's Prayer Breakfast             |
| Thursday   | 10:30 am | Bible Study—John's Gospel          |

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

**7--11--21 Attendance----- 42 here; 108 views on Facebook**  
**Offering:-----\$6038.00**

### **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!

## **A Farewell Opportunity**

Roger Nickerson is returning to Oregon to live. First Christian Church, where Roger has been serving, will host a Farewell Reception in the Netterville Annex on Sunday, July 25, from noon to 1 pm. Plan to stop by and say farewell to Roger as he embarks on new adventures.

## **Vacation Bible School Starts Today!**



The Mission Project for this year's Vacation Bible School is to stockpile supplies for plans to feed McComb City School kids on the weekends when school starts. We will be asking kids to bring non-perishable, single serve things like fruit cups, tuna pouches, cheese crackers (no peanut butter, cereal, pasta, pop tarts, cookies, drink boxes, Jello, Vienna sausages, Slim Jim, etc (things that require no prep). If you would like to

help with this ministry, please see Melisa DeCoux.

## **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.

## **Christmas In July for MICA Food Pantry**

Items of particular need include: spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, corn meal, flour, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, powdered milk, canned vegetables, canned meats (tuna and chicken), dry cereal, oatmeal, grits, sugar, salt, baking powder, rice, dried beans, peas, toilet tissue, bath soap.

You may bring donations any Sunday in July.

## **Welcome to the Choir**

We are happy to have the choir participating in today's service. Regular rehearsals will resume in August. Newcomers are welcome. Please see Deanna for more information.

