

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, July 31, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
8th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Hughes

Introit

"Seek Ye First/Jesus Is the Answer"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Jesus is the answer for the world today. Above him there's no other; Jesus is the way.

***Call to Worship**

Sisters and brothers,
we have been raised with Christ to new life,
freed from every fear,
and granted every grace.

With songs of praise, let us worship God.

***Prayer of the Day**

**Extravagant God,
you offer riches that no earthly pleasures match.
You pour out mercy and cover us with love.
You show us true justice and offer us peace.
You provide us with every need
and promise us eternal life with you.
In the midst of the glitz and glamour of this world,
nothing, and no one, shines with your brilliance.
Bathe us in the light of Christ,
illumine us with your Holy Spirit,
and enable us to live only for you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***Hymn 634**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

verses 1 & 3

Call to Confession

Already assured that forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ,
let us lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
that we might receive mercy and amend our lives.

Heb.12:1

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
you lavish us with good gifts,
yet we persist in seeking after that
which robs us of abundant life.
We hold fast to our anxieties
and give in to our greed;
we desire the very things that harm us,
Forgive us, purify us,
and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit,
we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

If God is for us, who is against us?
In Jesus Christ you have been set free.
Know that you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**
Now may the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
Amen.

Rom. 8:31

We Hear God's Word

Anthem

“More Precious Than Silver”

*Lord, you are more precious than silver. Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord you are more beautiful than diamonds, and nothing I desire compares to you.*

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14
Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

“Bigger Barns? Really?” the Reverend Bob Madsen

***An Affirmation of Faith**

Col. 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
for in him all things in heaven and earth were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or powers—
all things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the first-born from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased
to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

***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 “Be Thou My Vision”**

Offertory Sentence

God pours out blessings upon us,
not so we can hoard them or take pride in what we have
but that we might share our goods with the same generous spirit.
With joy, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

Offertory “I’d Rather Have Jesus” Hayes

*** 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 and the 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 531**

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Charge

Since you have been raised with Christ seek the things that are of God, and go forth to live lives worthy of your calling. Col. 3:1-2

Benediction

May the God who gives us every good gift bless you and keep you in the mind of Christ, by the power of the Spirit who sustains us all. Amen

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Stewart

