

**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, August 15, 2021, 10:30 am
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

A Thought Before Worship

Fill us, O God, with your Living Word and reveal to us the way of everlasting life.

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"In Heavenly Love Abiding"

Governor

***Call to Worship**

God is the source of all true wisdom,

The fount of life everlasting!

We are gathered here to listen for the wisdom of God

And to worship the One whose words shape the world.

Let us worship God!

***Prayer for the Day**

God, our Father, we give you thanks for sending your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ to give his life as bread for the world. Fill us now with your Spirit so that we may make the most of our time, understand your will, and express your wisdom in the midst of this community and wherever we go. Amen.

***Hymn 53**

"Let All Things Now Living"

A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 34:9-14

O reverence the Lord, you, his holy ones, for those who do have no fear. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing! Come, O children; listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

A Call to Confession

Let us confess our sin to God, who is all wise, but who is also gracious and merciful and bound forever in covenant with us.

A Prayer of Confession

Good and Gracious God, the voice of your wisdom rings out in the Church, guiding us to place our trust in you and in you alone. The voice of your wisdom rings out in the world, challenging us to seek the things that matter and to set aside those that don't. Too, often, both in the Church and in the world, we refuse to listen. We place our trust in things that are fleeting. We seek things that make us comfortable rather than seeking the way of your peace. Forgive us, God of grace, and teach us to walk in the path set by your wisdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Hear the Good News: The Lord is gracious and merciful! God shows great and steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our bread of life. By his flesh and blood our sins are forgiven, and we find eternal life. 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 5:15-20

Sermon "Being Where the Wisdom Is" the Rev. Bob Phelps

***An Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, 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 540 “Take Time to Be Holy”**

Offertory Sentence

Filled to overflowing with God’s own Spirit, let us offer gifts of thanksgiving to God so that the world may know his love.

Offertory “Give Me Jesus” Smith

***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 310 “O Word of God Incarnate”**

***Benediction**

Now may the blessing of God Almighty, who is the source of all life, the grace of Jesus Christ, who calls us to life everlasting, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, the power of life, be with you now and always.

***Charge**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

***Postlude**

“Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!”

Steurlein

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

Thursday: 10:30 am Bible Study—Gospel of John

Saturday: Presbytery of Mississippi meets on Zoom

Last Week’s Record

8--1--21 Attendance----- 40 here; 82 views on Facebook
Offering, 8-8-21:-----\$4,199.00

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!

Presbyterian Women Start Up Plan on Hold

Presbyterian Women have put their meeting plans on hold due to the spike in virus cases. They will not meet this week as previously scheduled. The group will meet on Tuesday, September 14, at 11:30 am to begin their new year of Bible study, mission support, and fellowship. We invite all women of the church to participate. See Sarah Ross or Shelli Quayhagen for more information.

Thanks, Deanna

While Jennifer is away tending to her mom’s medical needs, we are happy to have Deanna at the keyboard today.

Midweek Activities

Midweek activities (supper, study groups, and choir rehearsal) will resume after Labor Day. Watch for announcements about study topics. If you are interested in working with a cooking team to provide midweek meals periodically, please see Bob.

The opening of the cornerstone time capsule, previously scheduled for this Wednesday, will be the first mid-week event after Labor Day, on Wednesday September 8. Watch for more information about this exciting event.

Sunday School Groups are Resuming

Sunday School groups for all ages nursery through adults meet at 9:30 am each Sunday morning. We invite and encourage you to participate in one of these groups.

Daily Online Scripture Reflections Continue

We continue to post daily reflections on Scripture from the daily lectionary for Presbyterians on the church's Facebook page and to our church email distribution Mondays through Saturdays. We hope these help you stay connected to the church during these trying times. Please share links with friends and family. Also let them know about our online worship postings every Sunday.