

**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, August 29, 2021, 10:30 am
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

A Thought Before Worship

We gather so that God can open our hearts and minds to hear the Word so that we do not forget all that God has done nor neglect to share Good News with the world.

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"My Peace"

Routledge

***Call to Worship**

God invites us to live in the Spirit!

We entrust our souls to God's care.

God calls us to have loving hearts and faith-filled lives.

We want to use the gifts God has placed in us to serve others.

God calls us to be known by the quality of our faith.

We acknowledge God's claim on our lives.

God calls us to live out our faith.

We offer our gifts to God's design for them.

God offers us every gift of grace.

We will worship, give thanks, and live so that we show God's grace to all we meet. Let us worship God!

***Prayer for the Day**

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ, you have shown us the truth of your commandments. Give us sincere hearts so that we may serve you with joy, obey you with love, and be signs of your wisdom to the world; we pray through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Some Ways You Can Help Us Help Others

***Hymn 353**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up reproach against their neighbors.

In whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord, who stand by their oath even to their hurt.

Who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

A Call to Confession

With sincere and trusting hearts and minds, let us confess our sin before God and the world, trusting in God's mercy to forgive and make us whole.

A Prayer of Confession

You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence, who may dwell on your holy hill: those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and who speak the truth from their heart. We confess, O Lord, that we struggle to do these things and to be these people. We do not walk blamelessly. Too often we stumble on the path of faith. The truth makes us nervous sometimes, and we pretend not to know what is right. Have mercy on us, O God. Convince us by your wisdom; cleanse us by your grace; challenge us by your presence, and, by your grace, forgive us and free us to try again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Friends, these are serious, heart-rending things about which we pray today. Do not despair! God renews us by the word of truth so that we might become the first fruits of God's creation. 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 Gospels: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon "Inside Out!" the Rev. Bob Phelps

***An Affirmation of Faith**

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death

nor life, nor things present nor things to come, nor power, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will ever be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. 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 426 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”**

Offertory Sentence

Let us give in response to what God has abundantly given to us. Let those gifts come from grateful and generous hearts.

Offertory “Dirait-on” Lauridsen

***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 566 “Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord”**

***Benediction**

May the blessing of God be with you, the love of Jesus fill you, and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you now and forever.

***Charge**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

***Postlude “March” from Alceste Gluck**

Midweek Activities

Midweek activities (supper, study groups, and choir rehearsal) will resume after Labor Day. Please indicate your interest and willingness to help mid-week happen by checking the appropriate responses below. You may leave your responses in the offering plate when it passes.

_____ I/We plan to eat here on Wednesdays. Count on _____ (#) from our family.

_____ I'd like to form a cooking team to provide the midweek meal periodically.

_____ I'd prefer that we hire someone to cook each week.

_____ Is the maximum I'm willing to pay per meal on Wednesdays.

Other comments:

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

Last Week's Record

8--22--21 Attendance----- 39 here; 133 views on Facebook
Offering, 8-15-21:-----\$2790.00

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. The group plans to 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 continues to tend to her mom's medical needs, we are happy to have Deanna at the keyboard today.

Mark These Dates

The Session has called to upcoming congregational meetings:

On Sunday, September 19, we will meet to elect an Elder Nominating Committee to nominate elders to serve terms from 2022-2024. Elders Ally Allred, Andrew DeCoux, and Wayne Hutchison will complete their terms at the end of this year.

On Sunday, October 17, we will meet to receive the report of the Elder Nominating Committee and to elect elders to serve terms from 2022-2024.

Both meetings will occur at the conclusion of worship. Please plan to be present.

Flowers

Flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Libby Robinson by James and Lou Deloach.

Our Mission Committee continues to find ways for us to help others in our community.

MICA Food Pantry

We thank you for your continuing support of our monthly food collections for the Food Pantry at MICA. We continue to gather non-perishable food and personal hygiene items on the last Sunday of each month. If you are not currently attending worship, you may drop off MICA items at the Church Office any time.

Higgins School Weekend Meals

We have also begun to provide food for the weekends for kids at Higgins School who experience food insecurity on the weekends. We know that many students depend on school breakfasts and lunches for the bulk of their nutrition. This leaves them unsupported on the weekend. We are providing take-home food to several students each weekend. Our Vacation Bible School has provided for the first several weeks. We invite you to bring items to continue this ministry through the school year. There is a list of advisable food items on the front pew. We also invite you to bring personal hygiene items (soap, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene items). We distribute all these items through the School Nurse at Higgins where we have several members and friends on the staff. See Melisa DeCoux for more information.

Winter Suppers

We will also be distributing drive-up meals on Tuesdays during November, December, January, and February in partnership with other downtown churches. Our dates will be November 16, December 21, January 18, and February 15. Be thinking about putting together a team to provide these meals this winter. We've been doing about 25 meals a week. Folks in our community depend on them.