

**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, September 26, 2021, 10:30 am
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

A Thought Before Worship

God will enlighten our eyes, instruct our minds, rejoice our hearts, and revive our souls so that our lips and our lives may bear witness to God's love.

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude **"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"** **Tornquist**

***Call to Worship**

Upon this gathering of your people in this place,

Pour out your Spirit today, O Lord!

Be near us and speak to us,

And we will go from here to tell the world about your love.

Let us worship God!

***Prayer for the Day**

God of abounding strength and overflowing grace, cast out all that would oppress or destroy us. Take away the things that make us stumble. Let us into the life to which you call us and give us your peace to share with all we meet. In the name of Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 669** **"God of Grace and God of Glory"**

A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 116:1-9

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me. I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is merciful. The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

A Call to Confession

God so loved the world that he sent the only Son so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. Friends, God loves us enough for us to be honest about the condition of our lives. Let us confess our sin together.

A Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our strength and our Savior, you know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. We grasp at power, and we stumble into evil we do not intend to do. We look out for ourselves and leave others to fend for themselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

We give thanks that God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him.

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 9:38-50

Sermon "Be At Peace!" 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 angels nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 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.

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!

Elder Nominating Committee

Nicky and Joanna Barr, Robbie and Andrea DeCoux, Natalie Simo, Joseph Spurgeon, India Warshauer, Beth Wild and Whit Williams will comprise this year's Elder Nominating Committee. They will be meeting soon to recommend people to serve terms on the Session from 2022-2024. Elders Ally Allred, Andrew Decoux, and Wayne Hutchison will complete their terms on the Session in December. If you have suggestions, please see a member of the Committee. We will hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 17 to receive their nominations. Please keep this process in your prayers.

Storm Recovery Work

We need 2-3 volunteers to join a team from Westminster Church, Hattiesburg and First Church, Natchez on a storm recovery workday in Hammond, LA on Friday, October 8. We will be removing debris and doing other work outdoors. More details will come this week. If you can go, please see Bob. We will need to bring our own tools, supplies, lunch, and water.

New Address

Johnny and Billie Nance are now living on the Coast. Their new address is available from the church.

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 Lies My Preacher Told Me
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