

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, January 23, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude "We Are One in the Spirit" Stewart

Introit "With All My Heart" Mason

(With all my heart I want to love You, Lord, and live my life each day to know You more. All that is in me is Yours completely, I'll serve You only, with all my heart.)

***Call to Worship** *(From Psalm 19)*

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart, enlightening the eyes.

The ordinances of the Lord are to be more desired than gold.

They are sweeter than honey, the drippings of the honeycomb.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of all of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

***Prayer for the Day**

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of the Bible, for its psalms and poems, stories, histories, teachings, and prophecies.

May the Holy Spirit who called out those ancient writings continue to call us out today, that our lives may reflect the first sermon of Jesus, our crucified and risen Christ, who brings good news to the poor and lets the oppressed go free.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 291 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**

A Call to Confession

Let us confess our sin as an offering of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

Prayer of Confession

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to You, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of Your law and Your love.

We have not loved You with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with You;

through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us. In Christ, you are forgiven; you are beloved; you are seen. Hold on to this truth.

Thanks be to God!

Now may the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

We Hear God's Word

Anthem

(O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love. Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul. O let Him have the things that hold you and His Spirit, like a dove, will descend upon your life and make you whole. O come and sing the song of gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your voice in sweet surrender to His name. O give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.)

"Spirit Song"

Wimber

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

Sermon "Together, We Are the Body of Christ" the Rev. Chris Richardson

***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.

***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 309 “Wonderful Words of Life”**

Offertory Sentence

Let us give generously from that which has been given to us, that through our offerings the good news of Jesus Christ may be fulfilled.

Offertory “Reflection” 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 - 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 708 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

Charge

Go into the world and proclaim the good news!

Benediction

As we go from this place on this day holy to God we rejoice in the strength of God, we fix our eyes on the grace of Christ, and we drink deeply of the Spirit, who makes us one.

Postlude “In Christ There Is No East or West” Reinagle



This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sunday	9:00 am	Breakfast in the Ewell Martin Room
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship
Wednesday	7:15 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Thursday	10:30 am	Thursday Morning Bible Study

Last Week's Record

1/16/22 Attendance - 44 here; 110 views on Facebook

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. We are especially glad to welcome visitors. Please join us again soon!

Welcome to the Reverend Chris Richardson

Rev. Chris Richardson works part time as a chaplain for Hospice Ministries and is an elder in full connection in the UMC. She is a graduate of Duke Divinity School. Chris has lived in Pike County since getting married to her husband Kevin in 2004. They have three children: Colin, Brooke and Emma.

Pastor Nominating Committee/Congregational Meeting

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 30, 2022, immediately following the morning worship service, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee. The Session has proposed the following slate of nominees: Andrew DeCoux, Robbie DeCoux, Suzi Drummond, Stacey Moak, Sarah Ross, Joseph Spurgeon, Rusty Whittington, and Noggin Wild.

The Pastor Nominating Committee will meet with the Rev. Dr. Joan Gandy, Moderator and Liaison for Presbytery, on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. in the Ewell Martin Room.

Winter Brings Opportunities to Feed Hungry People

We continue to provide carry out meals to our community in partnership with the other downtown churches on Tuesday evenings. We feed about 30 people each week. J.J. White will be responsible for providing the meal on Tuesday, February 15.

Thanks to all who have brought food to send home with kids from Higgins School on the weekends. Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry. Please remember to avoid food with peanuts or peanut butter. We need your help to replenish our supply in the new year.

Melisa DeCoux can provide more information on how to help with both ministries.

Update from Our Session on Wednesday Night Activities

We are reorganizing some church activities this month and Wednesday Night Suppers have been postponed until further notice. Watch your church email and the Sunday bulletin for updates.

Choir Rehearsal

The choir, under the direction of Jennifer Sanders, is rehearsing at 10 a.m. in the choir room on Sunday mornings. You are welcome to join them.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Bible Study group will meet on Thursday, January 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The new study is N.T. Wright's *Paul for Everyone - the Prison Letters* (beginning with Ephesians).

News from Presbyterian Women of JJ White

Mark your calendar for February 8, the next PW meeting! Please plan to join us for a Valentine's luncheon and lesson on Tuesday, February 8, at 11:30. Contact Sarah Ross with any questions.

"Souper" Bowl Sunday - February 13th

Bring your signature soup, salad or dessert! We'll have lunch together in the Fellowship Hall, following the morning worship service. Sign up sheet is on the front pew, or email the church office.

Looking to January and Beyond

Beginning in January, if you have updates for the prayer list or announcements that need to be in the bulletin, please contact Stephanie Butler, Church Secretary, between 10 am and 2 pm Monday-Friday or Suzi Drummond. Also please let the Church Office know about hospitalizations and other pastoral care needs so she can pass them to Session members.

Giving Statements

Your 2021 Giving Statement will be mailed in late January. Please see Wayne Hutchison, SaraBeth Williams, or Stephanie Butler in the Church Office with questions. Stephanie works from 10 am until 2 pm Monday through Friday.

Pledge Cards

Pledge cards for 2022 may be placed in the offering plate or turned in at the church office. Additional pledge cards are available on the table at the main entrance to the sanctuary, or you may contact the church office to have one mailed to you.

Flowers

The flowers in our sanctuary this morning were presented by Suzi and John Drummond to the glory of God.



January/February Flowers

January

30 Sharon White

February

6 Rusty Whittington

13 Stacey Moak

20 Debbi & Tommy Brock

27 Wayne Hutchison