

**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, August 22, 2021, 10:30 am
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

A Thought Before Worship

Let your Word, O God, pierce our darkness, strengthen our faith, and illumine our witness for you.

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Blessings"

Kingsmore

***Call to Worship**

God says, "Come into my house and worship!"

Happy are those who feel at home in God's house.

God says, 'Come into my presence and be at peace!'"

Happy are those who enjoy God's gift of serenity.

God says, "Come and join your life to mine!"

Happy are those who abide in God's love!

Come as God's honored guest, for all are welcome in God's House!

Happy are we, the beloved of our faithful God. Let us worship God!

***Prayer for the Day**

Living God, your Son, Jesus Christ, has the words of eternal life and hope. Grant that we may come to him in faith, follow him in this world, and abide with him forever in the world to come, for we live with you and with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn 634 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, indeed, it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even a sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of Hosts, hear our prayer. Give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to live forever in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord is a sun and a shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you!

A Call to Confession

Let us confess our sin to the One whose eyes and heart are open day and night to hear our cries and to answer our prayers.

A Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are near to the brokenhearted, and you save the crushed in spirit. Be near to us in our brokenness and love us back to wholeness. You are near to all who hurt, and you call us to join you in responding to need, but we tend to keep our distance to avoid hard realities. You envision a world where needs are met, and you call us to participate in that work, but we hoard possessions and cling to power. Be near us in our brokenness, O God, and love us back to wholeness. Be your mercy, forgive our sin. By your grace, free us to try again and again until we become the people you call us to be. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Hear the Good News! Jesus Christ himself is the Word that offers us everlasting life. This proves his love for us. In the name of 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

Solo

"You Are Mine!"

Haas

Bob Phelps, baritone

(I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here. I am hope for all who are hopeless. I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me. Do not be afraid; I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me. I will bring you home. I love you, and you are mine! I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. Do not be afraid; I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me.

I will bring you home. I love you, and you are mine! I am the Word that leads all to freedom. I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now, walk, and live. Do not be afraid; I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me. I will bring you home. I love you, and you are mine!)

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 42-43

Sermon "Where God Lives" the Rev. Bob Phelps

***An Affirmation of Faith**

This is the Good News which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are being saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sin according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that this Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. 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 22 "Come, We That Love the Lord!"**

Offertory Sentence

From the fullness we know because we belong to God, let us offer tithes and offerings with thanksgiving in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Offertory "Jesus Is The Song" Danner

***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 747 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*Benediction

Now may the blessing of God who delivers us from darkness to light, the grace of Jesus Christ, which sustains us in all things, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to keep on, be with you always.

*Charge

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

*Postlude "Chorale" from Finlandia Sibelius

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
 11:45 am Session meets—Ewell Martin Room
Wednesday: 7:15 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
Thursday: 10:30 am Bible Study—Gospel of John

Last Week's Record

8--15--21 Attendance----- 37 here; 91 views on Facebook
Offering, 8-15-21:-----\$6,000.00

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:

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

Flowers

Flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Richardson by his wife, Deb.