

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

A Thought Before Worship

We gather here to hear the promise of God's Word and to know the joy of our salvation.

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Sanchez

***Call to Worship**

We gather to worship God,
Who stretched the heavens like a tent and set the earth on its foundations.
We gather to worship God,
Who rides the winds like a chariot and wears light as a garment.
We gather to worship God,
Who suffered for the sake of our lives and offers us life abundant.
Let us worship God!

***Prayer for the Day**

We give you thanks and praise today, O God, because you have called us to this place to hear the promise of your holy Word, to be surrounded by your grace, and to drink from the cup of your blessing. Draw us ever deeper into your presence; then send us out to love and serve in your name for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 52 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 91:9-16

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
For God will command his angels concerning you, to guard you in all of your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them.

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

A Call to Confession

Like sheep, we have all gone astray, but like a faithful, loving shepherd, God seeks us out and calls us home. Let us confess our sin:

A Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have taught us that whoever wishes to become great must be a servant, and that whoever seeks to be first must be last and servant of all. Still, we are too much like your first disciples: we want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We organize our lives around ladders to climb, not realizing when we are stepping on people whom you love as we climb. Forgive us, Good Lord, and teach us to follow in your way; remind us that the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Hear again the promise of the Lord in today's Psalm: Those who love me, I will deliver. When they call to me, I will answer. I will rescue them from danger and show them my salvation. Believe this Good News: 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: Hebrews 5:1-10

Sermon

"Designated!"

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 45 "Hear the Good News of Salvation" (insert)**

Offertory Sentence

God is always faithful and has blessed us with much. With grateful hearts, let us offer back to God from what we have received with love and thanksgiving.

Offertory "On Eagles' Wings" Purifoy

***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 "God of the Sparrow" (insert)**

***Benediction**

May the Lord deliver and protect you. May the Lord answer when you call. May the Lord satisfy you with long and productive life and offer you salvation and hope.

***Charge**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord! Amen.

***Postlude**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” Richardson

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!

Church Picnic on October 24

We'll move all morning activities to Percy Quinn Park on Sunday, October 24! Several will go out early to set up and begin cooking. We invite you to join us there for worship outdoors at 11:00 am under the big pavilion. We'll be a little more casual than normal, but we'll worship together in the beauty of creation. Please bring lawn chairs.

Food: We'll provide meat and drinks

We invite you to bring sides, salads, and desserts. A sign-up sheet is on the front pew.

You will not have to pay the gate admission fee to get into the park. Simply tell the people at the gate that you are with J. J. White Church.

Help Us Feed Kids at Higgins

Your gifts of food are making a difference in the lives of children at Higgins School. Every weekend, several kids at Higgins receive a pack of food to get them through the weekend. We are in need of juice boxes and main course options (beanie weenies, mac and cheese, beefaroni etc. in single serving containers) to replenish our stock. See Melisa DeCoux for more information about how you can help. Thanks to the PW for their help in assembling food bags.

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
 11:30 am Elder Nominating Committee—Parlor
 11:30 am Session---Ewell Martin Room

Wednesday: 7:15 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 5:15 pm Supper
 6:00 pm Bible Study
 Lies My Preacher Told Me (Chapters 6&7)

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

Last Week's Record

10-10--21 Attendance----- 40 here; 75 views on Facebook
Offering, 10-10-21:-----\$8212.06

November Brings Opportunities to Feed on Tuesday Nights

We will be coordinating meals for the hungry of our community with other downtown churches on Tuesday nights during November, December, January, and February. We will serve on the third Tuesday of those months. See Melisa DeCoux to see how you can help with this important ministry. We are in partnership with Centenary United Methodist, First Christian, Church of the Mediator Episcopal and St. Al's Catholic congregations.

Flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Judee McElwee Reeves and Dr. Jack Nunnery by Bob and Sue Reeves.