

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, October 30, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday
*On this day we celebrate the tradition that grounds our faith.
Let us worship the God who renews us and reforms us.*

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Sharp

Introit

"Be Strong in the Lord"

*Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage; your mighty Defender is always the same.
Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending; victory is sure when you call on His name.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for He is your guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

***Call to Worship**

We gather to worship God and God alone!

To God alone be glory!

We gather as people who are Reformed and always Reforming,
Proclaiming the cornerstones of our faith.

We hold fast to Scripture alone, Christ alone,

Faith alone, grace alone, and glory always to God alone!

Let us worship God!

***Prayer of the Day**

**You are our hiding place, O God;
you preserve us from trouble
and deliver us from death.**

Ps. 32:7; Luke 19:1-10

**You teach us your wisdom
and show us your grace
by honoring the weak
and forgiving the wicked.**

**All glory and praise be to you,
through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***Hymn 43**

**“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
verses 1,4**

Martin Luther

Call to Confession

1 John 1:9

Scripture tells us that if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Trusting in God’s great mercy, let us now confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and mercy, we often say that we love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, but when we look closely at our lives, we confess that our hearts are full of concerns that are not your concerns. Our souls are neglected. You are barely on our minds, and our strength is depleted by things that do not have anything to do with you. Please forgive us our sin. Cleanse us. Renew us. Reform us. Make us ever new. We ask this in the name of the One who died to set us free, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

We may not keep our promises to God, but God’s promises to us never fail. Friends, let us rejoice that because of God’s great faithfulness, we have been forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

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

We Hear God's Word

Anthem

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Pethel

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise. That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food. He formed the creatures with His word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed wherever I turn my eye. If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky. There's not a plant of flower below, but makes Thy glories known. And clouds arise, and tempests blow by order from Thy throne. While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care. And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there. I sing the mighty power of God.

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

Scripture Luke 19:1-10

Sermon "God Sees You" the Reverend Chris Richardson

***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 532**

"Be Thou My Vision"

Invitation to the Offering

Let us give and live generously in response to all that God has done for us. Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

Offertory

“Lord, Be Glorified”

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 and the 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 661**

“Be Strong in the Lord”

verses 1,3

Charge

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Blessing

May the grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you,
this day and forevermore.

Postlude

“Living for Jesus”

Lowden

