

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, December 4, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Emmanuel Comes"

Hayes

Introit

"Come, Oh Redeemer, Come"

Come, Oh Redeemer, come. Grant us mercy.

Come, Oh Redeemer, come. Grant us peace.

***Call to Worship**

Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come,
welcomes you to this place.

**As one body, with one voice,
we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom,
counsel, knowledge, and joy.**

Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,

you have made us and all things to serve you.

Now prepare the world for your rule.

Come quickly to save us,

so that wars and violence shall end,

and your children may live in peace,

honoring one another with justice and love;

through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn 133**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Lighting the Advent Candle: The Candle of Peace

Tommy Brock and Colton Jackson

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Somewhere, people gather to sing into the silence:

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Every valley shall be filled. Every heart shall be made whole.

For peace is stronger than turmoil, and love is louder than hate!

As we light the second Advent candle,

We pray for the holy peace of God.

God of Peace, by your Holy Spirit, help us to hear from all the Prophets you continue to send to us. Help us to hear your call to make a way for all who want to come to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

Surely God is our salvation.

Have faith, and do not be afraid.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and welcoming God,

have mercy on your people.

We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation.

We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do.

**We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends
as beloved children whom you have made.**

in your mercy, forgive us,

for we repent of our ways

and look to your power

to heal us and raise us up,

so that, at the last, you will gather us to you

and give us peace. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

The reign of God has come near;
the repentant will be judged with righteousness.

You are forgiven.

Be filled with hope,
believing in the power of the risen Christ
to bring you to new life.

Rejoice and believe. **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

"Prepare"

*A call in the night, "Prepare ye the way. The Savior is coming. Could this be the day?"
Let every heart be tuned for praise. Rejoice! Alleluia! Prepare ye the way!
Let every valley be lifted on high. Let mountains majestic bow down in reply.
Let the great glory of God be displayed! Rejoice! Alleluia! Prepare ye the way!
Let each heart be filled with hope! Let every home be rich with joy!
Let every voice ring out the good news! Christ, the Lord, is coming soon.
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Prepare ye the way of the Savior and King.
Love comes with a song for the whole world to sing!
Fill every space with an anthem of praise. Rejoice! Alleluia! Prepare ye the way!
Let the valleys ring! Let the mountains sing! Let the people rejoice! Prepare ye the way!*

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

Readings from God's Word

Prophets

Isaiah 9:2-7

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

"Come on Down"

the Reverend Joe Pack Arnold

***An Affirmation of Faith**

the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
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 140**

“Emmanuel”

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

“In the Bleak Midwinter ”

Larson

*** 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 134**

"The King of Glory Comes "

Verse 1

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

"People, Look East"

Larson



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
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	7:15 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast

Last Week's Record

11/27/22 Attendance - 51
11/27/22 Offering - \$2045

Welcome to Worship!

We are happy to welcome all who worship with us today. We are especially glad to welcome visitors. Please join us again soon!