

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, May 22, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Berry

Introit "There Is a Redeemer"

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth
is done.

***Call to Worship**

Jesus offers us peace,
So that we will not be afraid.
The Holy Spirit reminds us,
we are never alone.
God makes a home among us,
because God loves us.
Let us worship the Triune God.

***Prayer of the Day**

**Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places
and surprise us with the abundance of your love.
Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit
so that we may follow you this day, and always;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

***Hymn 45 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" verses 1&3**

Call to Confession

Do not let your heart be troubled,
but confess your sins and God will give you peace.

John 14:27

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
we confess that we are an anxious people
who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word.
Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins,
that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world:
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

John 14:23,24

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Let your hearts be still,
for God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing.

Thanks be to God!

Now may the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Choir Anthem "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Featuring the Reverend Dr. Catherine Cook, soloist

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father. There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Blessings all mine with 10,000
beside!

Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness. Great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

Scripture Colossians 1:1-8

Sermon "Finishing Strong: People of Hope"
the Reverend Dr. Catherine Cook

***An Affirmation of Faith**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ,
the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

***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 678**

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Offertory Sentence

The earth has yielded its increase
and God has richly blessed us.
Therefore bring your tithes and offering
and come into God’s courts with praise.

Ps.67:6

Offertory

“Blessed Assurance”

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 - 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 612**

"How Firm a Foundation"

verses 1&2

Charge

Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through Him.

Col. 3:17

Benediction

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rom. 15:13

Postlude

"In My Heart There Rings a Melody"

Tornquist



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

Last Week's Record

5/15/22 Attendance - 54 here; 59 views on Facebook

5/15/22 Offering - \$2,228

Welcome

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 Dr. Catherine Cook

Catherine is from Jackson, MS, where she and her sister, Libba, share their family home. Before moving back to Jackson in 2014, Catherine served two Presbyterian(USA) churches in the Green Mountains of east central Vermont for 23 years. She supplies pulpits in our presbytery and in east Louisiana.

An Update from J.J. White's Pastor Nominating Committee

Through 05/16/22, the PNC has met in person five times and many more times via email. We have reviewed 41 resumes, from which 5 prospects were considered viable candidates, either as an interim or permanent call. We have initiated contact with all and learned that two have already accepted calls. We are awaiting responses from the others.

The PNC is regularly provided additional names and feels confident the Lord will lead us to the best candidate for JJW. We likewise believe the Lord will lead him/her to us. Please keep the PNC in your prayers, and your ears to the ground. Calls can originate (and have in the past) from unexpected sources.

Noggin Wild, Chair