

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church  
McComb, Mississippi  
The Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, May 29, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **We Gather in God's Name**

#### **Prelude**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Hayes

#### **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**

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;  
**let the many coastlands be glad!**  
The heavens proclaim his righteousness;  
**and all the peoples behold his glory.**  
Light dawns for the righteous,  
**and joy for the upright in heart.**  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
**and give thanks to his holy name!**

*from Psalm 97*

#### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God,**  
**you brought creation into being through Christ,**  
**and in Christ all things find their purpose.**  
**Open our eyes to see the world as your gift**  
**and to use your gifts for the sake of Christ,**  
**that through the witness of our lives**  
**the gospel may be proclaimed to all people. Amen.**

*Col. 1:22-23*

#### **\*Hymn 115**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

## Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ even prays for us. With such assurance, we need not fear confession but simply draw near to our maker in candor.

## Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,**

**you have raised Jesus from death to life,  
and crowned him Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged  
his rule in our lives.**

**We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give  
him glory.**

**Forgive us, and raise us from sin,**

**that we may be your faithful people,**

**obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the  
world,**

**and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

## Assurance of God's Forgiveness

The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance that Christ died to save sinners. Siblings, believe the promise of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are 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

**Special Music**            "Who At My Door Is Standing?"

Catherine Cook, vocalist    Jennifer Sanders, pianist

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near, who entrance is demanding?  
Whose is the voice I hear?

*Refrain:* Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for Me! If thou wilt heed My  
calling, I will abide with thee."

Within the rooms are darken'd all filled with dust and sin. How shameful, how unworthy, for  
Christ to enter in. Yet, the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed My  
calling I will abide with thee."

Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide. Though He rebuke and chasten, He shall  
with me abide.

*Refrain: ....*

Dear Lord abide with me.

## **A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word**

**Scripture** Colossians 1:9-14

**Sermon** "Thanksgiving Prayer: A Worthy Life"  
the Reverend Dr. Catherine Cook

*Thought Questions for Today's Sermon*

- 1. What does Paul pray for the believers in the Colossian church? Why does Paul pray these things?*
- 2. What difference does it make that God answers Paul's prayer for them?*
- 3. What does Paul's prayer tell us about living as a people of hope?*

### **\*An Affirmation of Faith**

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit we trust in the one triune God the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God!**

### **\*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 365**

**"Abide With Me"**

**verses 1&5**

### **Offertory Sentence**

The earth has yielded its increase  
and God has richly blessed us.

*Ps.67:6*

Therefore bring your tithes and offering  
and come into God's courts with praise.

### **Offertory**

**"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"**

**Rouse**

### **\*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 534**

**"Draw Me Nearer"**

**verses 1&4**

### **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**

**"The Lily of the Valley"**

**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**

5/22/22 Attendance - 28 here; 61 views on Facebook

5/22/22 Offering - \$2290

## **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*

## **Today's Flowers**

The flowers in our sanctuary today were provided by Kay and Marie, "the Naklie girls", to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mother, Loreice Naklie, on her birthday weekend.



## **June Flowers**

June 5 Beth and Noggin Wild  
June 12 Susan and Randy White  
June 19 June Moak  
June 26 Sue and Bobby Reeves