

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, March 13, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Amazing Grace"
Sarah Ross, clarinet

Excell

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 27:1*)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

Of whom shall I be afraid?

Come, seek God in this time of worship.

***Prayer of the Day** (*Ps. 27:1,5,11,14*)

Loving God,

you save all who seek refuge in you.

Grant that we who know your salvation

may walk always in your light,

take courage in your faithfulness,

and rejoice in your astounding goodness to us.

Through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen

***Hymn 101 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"**

Call to Confession

When we cry to God in prayer and confession, God hears. Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence and faith.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

The Lord does not forsake us in our times of trial. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you 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

Anthem "Be Thou My Vision" Irish Folk Melody
Sarah Ross, clarinet

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

Scripture Psalm 27

Sermon "Your Face, Lord, Do I Seek" the Reverend Steve Fortenberry

***An Affirmation of Faith** *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

**In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless
all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father
who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

***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 510 "At Calvary"**

Offertory Sentence

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Let us praise the Giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

Offertory “Without Him / Learning to Lean” Leferve/Stalling

*** 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 523 “Trust and Obey”**

Charge and Benediction *(Psalm 27:14)*

Wait for the Lord.

Be strong.

Let your heart take courage.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

Postlude

“He Touched Me”

Gather



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
Thursday	10:30 am	Thursday Morning Bible Study

Last Week's Record

3/6/22 Attendance - 45 here; 40 views on Facebook
3/6/22 Offering - \$4095.

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. We are especially glad to welcome visitors. Please join us again soon!

Welcome to the Reverend Steve Fortenberry

Rev. Steve Fortenberry has been an ordained Presbyterian minister for over 25 years, having served as youth minister, church planter, and pastor. He was born in Memphis, TN, and went to Taylor University in Indiana, where he played basketball and majored in Bible Literature. Steve received his Masters of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He has two adult children, a 23 year-old special needs son, James. His daughter, Sarah, lives with her husband, Joe, in Cincinnati, OH. Steve enjoys biking, fishing, and working with his hands.

Centennial Homecoming

Celebrating 100 years at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Saturday, April 2

1:00 pm Organ Concert

2:00- 4:00 pm Tours and Tales (come-and-go event)

Engage with 'J. J. White' during a fact-filled historical presentation, discover hidden meanings in architectural features, listen to musical instruments, hear first-hand stories about mission adventures, acquaint yourself with our scouting heritage, and much, much more!

Sunday, April 3

9:15 am Joint Sunday School Class

10:30 am Worship Service, followed by Cornerstone Ceremony, then Celebratory Lunch

Flowers

The flowers in our sanctuary this morning were provided by Martha and Spike Simmons to the glory of God and in memory of Spike's sister, Gaye Simmons Starnes, and his brother, Mark Middleton Simmons.

March Flowers

Mar. 20 Kathy Parker

Mar. 27 Georgia Mendonides

