



# J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 15, 2023 • 10:30 AM

### Gathering

#### Welcome and announcements

*Carol Rawlings*

#### Prelude

*My Savior's Love*

*arr. Charles Gabriel*

#### Introit

*Lord, Be Glorified*

*arr. Benjamin Harlan*

#### \*Call to worship

Sing a new song, **a song of thanks and praise,**  
for God has done wondrous deeds, **and is great beyond compare!**

#### \*Hymn no. 478 (verses 1 & 4)

*My Savior's Love*

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

#### Call to confession

Let us confess our sins to God, for the Holy One is steadfast in love and always ready to forgive.

#### Prayer of confession

**Nurturing God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

#### Declaration of forgiveness

Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin. Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God's will, for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### The Word

#### Music

*Abide With Me*

*arr. Susan Henry*

*Sarah Ross, clarinet; Jennifer Sanders, piano*

#### Prayer for illumination

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: Open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed. **Amen.**

#### Scripture: *Matthew 5:13-16,41*

#### Sermon

*Salt and Light*

*the Reverend Dr. David Millican*

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

*Hymnal, p. 14*

#### \*Gloria Patri

*Glory Be to the Father*

*Hymn no. 805*

#### \*Hymn no. 502

*Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

NEW BRITAIN

#### Invitation to the offering

Our God has done wondrous things, too numerous to count. Through steadfast love and faithful care, God enriches us in every way. Therefore, do not delay! Let us offer to God ourselves this day, all that we have and all that we are, in praise and love of Christ.

#### Offertory

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*arr. Jay Rouse*

#### \*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Hymn no. 809*

#### \*Prayer of thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O loving God, that you have placed in the hearts of our faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will. Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation and restore all people to Christ. **Amen.**

#### Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

### Sending

#### \*Hymn no. 558 (verse 1)

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

#### Charge and blessing

Go forth in peace, for God in Christ has enriched you with speech and knowledge and every spiritual gift, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. May God's steadfast love and mercy lead you, and make your steps secure, keeping you forever safe on paths of righteousness and peace.

#### Postlude

*Here Am I, Lord*

*arr. Lloyd Larson*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

### Announcements

**Record from last week (01/08/23)**

*Attendance • 46*

*Offering • \$1,836*

## This week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Tuesday	5:00 PM	Choir practice
Wednesday	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

### Upcoming events

Sunday, 1/22	<b>Communion</b> , led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 1/29	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 2/5	<b>Scout Sunday</b> , Troop 124; led by the Rev. Amy Finkelberg
Sunday, 2/12	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; <b>Souper Bowl Sunday</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, 2/19	<b>Communion</b> , led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 2/26	<b>Girl Scout Sunday</b> , J.J. White Girl Scouts; led by the Rev. Chris Richardson

### Welcome to worship!

*All* who worship here are joyfully welcomed into our midst! To visitors, we offer a special hand of fellowship and invite you to join us again soon; please fill out the blue card in your pew and place in the offering plate.

### Welcome to the Reverend Dr. David Millican

Dr. Millican is a longtime McComb pastor and hospital chaplain. He has a B.A. in Biblical Studies from William Carey University, a Master of Theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from Luther Rice Seminary. He studied clinical pastoral education at Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. Dr. Millican is known and loved throughout our community as "Brother Millican." He and his late wife, Doris Powe Millican, have three children and three grandchildren. It is always an honor to have him in our pulpit.

### Vision 2023 (adopted by Session on December 11, 2022)

**Believe in Me and grow our church together in 2023.** In 2023, we shall regularly reach out to inactive members, encouraging them to renew participation in the life of JJWMPC. We shall also increase visibility through social media and community involvement that encourages others to join our membership. This will include promotion of church facilities as a destination for appropriate community events, with special emphasis on attracting young adults and youth. In doing so, we shall be widely recognized as a vibrant, welcoming church family that loves the Lord and one another. These initiatives will serve to grow membership and double attendance by year end, 2023.

### Reminder of God's call to stewardship

***In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).*** Thank you to all who have already submitted 2023 pledge cards, greatly helping the church plan the year's budget. Please speak with Dennis Ross, 2023 Stewardship chairman, with any questions or concerns.

### Meals for the hungry

J.J. White coordinates a program to provide meals to the hungry in our community. The participating churches are J.J. White Memorial, Centenary, and the Church of the Mediator. Please contact Melisa DeCoux, program director, if you can help.

### Donations for mission partner

At Souper Bowl Sunday (February 12), we will collect donations for our mission partner, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. PDA's motto ***Out of Chaos, Hope*** reminds us of the many needs from disaster survivors throughout the world. Seek God's presence on their behalf with your gifts and prayers.

### Session

Watkins "Noggin" Wild, Clerk of Session • Wayne Hutchison, Treasurer		
<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>
Dennis Ross	Melisa DeCoux	Tommy Brock
Randy White	Suzi Drummond	Linda Miller
Rusty Whittington	Whitney Rawlings	Noggin Wild

### Sanctuary flowers

Today's sanctuary flowers are provided by Kathleen Harbour in honor of the Pastor Nominating Committee. The sign-up sheet for providing flowers in our sanctuary during 2023 is available on the front pew. If you have questions, please see Carol Rawlings.

### New Bible study starting!

Everyone is invited to join a new read-through of the entire Bible in a year, with weekly reading plans and discussion. Please contact Robbie DeCoux at (601) 341-0314 if you are interested.

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