



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 22, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Whitney Rawlings

Prelude

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

arr. Gregg Sewell

Introit

Lord, Be Glorified

arr. Benjamin Harlan

***Call to worship**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

Thanks be to God!

***Hymn no. 209**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

Call to confession

Let us confess our sins before God, the source of freedom and forgiveness.

Prayer of confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions.

We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships.

We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters.

Shine your light into our darkened hearts.

Save us from our divisive ways.

Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

Declaration of forgiveness

God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance. Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression. **Thanks be to God!**

The Word

Anthem

Break Thou the Bread of Life

arr. Stan Pethel

Prayer for illumination

God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. **Amen.**

Scripture: *Matthew 4:12-23*

Sermon

Let's Go Fishing!

the Reverend Chris Richardson

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

***Gloria Patri**

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn no. 805

***Hymn no. 658**

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

MAITLAND

†The sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Insert

Offertory

What Wondrous Love is This?

arr. Jay Rouse

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn no. 809

***Prayer of thanksgiving**

God of our salvation, receive these gifts we offer and bless them for the work of your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

***Hymn no. 576**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

Charge and blessing

God calls us to be fishers of women and men for the sake of his beloved kingdom. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

May the grace of Christ who calls us go with you. May the power of the Holy Spirit who empowers us sustain you. May the salvation of God who loves us give you peace.

Postlude

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Mark Hayes

**Please stand as you are able*

†Gluten-free communion bread available

Announcements

Record from last week (01/15/23) Attendance • 38

Offering • \$2,938

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, 1/29	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; tea party for June and Carl Moak afterward
Sunday, 2/5	Scout Sunday , Troop 124; led by the Rev. Amy Finkelberg
Sunday, 2/12	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; Souper Bowl Sunday (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, 2/19	Communion , led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Wednesday, 2/22	Ash Wednesday
Sunday, 2/26	Girl Scout Sunday , 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 Chris Richardson

Rev. Chris Richardson works part-time as a chaplain for Hospice Ministries and is an elder in full connection in the United Methodist Church. A graduate of Duke Divinity School, Chris has lived in Pike County since marrying husband Kevin in 2004. They have three children: Colin, Brooke, and Emma.

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

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.... The Lord Almighty says, "See if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." (Malachi 3:10). 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.

Tea party for the Moaks

Please join us for a tea party in honor of June and Carl Moak following worship next Sunday, January 29. Though sad for their departure to Virginia, we happily celebrate the over half-century they have spent in our community. Please bring your favorite teacup and saucer for this special event.

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		
Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
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 Carol and Whitney Rawlings in honor of June Moak for her love and dedication to our church and community. The sign-up sheet for providing flowers in our sanctuary is available on the front pew. If you have questions, please see Carol Rawlings.

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