



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/SCOUT DAY

February 5, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Whitney Rawlings

Prelude

Hymn of Promise

arr. John Carter

Introit

Lord, Be Glorified

arr. Benjamin Harlan

*Call to worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world." **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn no. 678

In the Bulb there is a Flower

PROMISE

Recognition of Boy Scout Troop 124 and Cub Scout Pack 114

Affirmation of Scouting as an extension of the ministry of our church

We are grateful to be a sponsoring agency for Boy Scouts in our community. We give thanks that through Scouting, boys learn to live in God's light and to follow in God's way. We are thankful for the Scout Law which boys learn: to help others at all times, to keep themselves physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. In Scouts and in the life of faith, Scouts pledge to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thirty, brave, clean, and reverent. We will continue to pray for these Scouts and their leaders as they grow towards these goals. **Thanks be to God!**

Call to confession

Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.

Prayer of confession

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Declaration of forgiveness

In mercy God forgives our sin and grants us genuine repentance through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God!**

The Word

Anthem

The King of Love and Grace

arr. Christopher Aspaas

Prayer for illumination

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Scriptures: *Isaiah 58:6-12; Matthew 5:13-20*

Sermon

Salt and Light

the Reverend Amy Finkelberg

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn no. 805

*Hymn no. 532

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Invitation to offering

Like a spring whose waters never fail, God calls us to share what we have received. Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offertory

It is Well with My Soul

arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn no. 809

*Prayer of thanksgiving

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your astonishing goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom, and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn no. 648 (verses 1 & 4)

O, Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

Charge and blessing

Jesus said, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory

to your Father in heaven.

May Christ, the true light, shine upon you, that you may walk in righteousness all your days.

Postlude

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

arr. Phillip Keveren

**Please stand as you are able*

Announcements

Record from last week (01/29/23)

Attendance • 47

Offering • \$13,633.56

This week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

TODAY	after worship	Blue Gold (Scouts) meeting (Fellowship Hall); all invited
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Upcoming events

Sunday, 2/12	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; Souper Bowl Sunday (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, 2/14	Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, 2/19	Communion , led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; Session meeting
Wednesday, 2/22	Ash Wednesday (5:30 PM), led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
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! To visitors, we offer a special hand of fellowship and invite you to join us again soon; please fill out the blue pew card and place in the offering plate.

Welcome to the Reverend Amy Finkelberg

A native of North Carolina, Amy Finkelberg graduated from the University of Richmond and then the Wake Forest University Divinity School. Amy served as Associate Pastor at Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson, MS, for twelve and a half years, and she remains an active member there. Amy enjoys supply preaching, leading women's groups, writing, traveling with her husband Arty, and spending time with family and friends. We welcome her into our presence!

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

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor (Proverbs 22:9). Your submitted pledge cards greatly help 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		
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 Scott, Dori, and Chris Toler and Gloria Hawkins in loving memory of Dora Kiefer, Mary Gibson, and MaryEl Dickey. The sign-up sheet for providing flowers in our sanctuary is available on the front pew. If you have questions, please see Carol Rawlings.

Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings includes Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20. What does it mean to have the mind of Christ? Does my light shine?

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