



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Prelude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Whitney Rawlings

Introit

There Is a Redeemer

arr. Cindy Berry

arr. Benjamin Harlan

*Call to worship

O sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

*Hymn no. 108

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

Call to confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God.

Prayer of confession

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of forgiveness

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, let us share our peace with one another. **Thanks be to God!**

The Word

Anthem

Day by Day

arr. Stan Pethel

Prayer for illumination

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. **Amen.**

Scriptures: *Exodus 15:1-10; Psalm 23; John 20:19-31; 1 Peter 2:19-25*

Sermon

Mama, Miriam, and Billy Bob

the Reverend Dr. John Dudley

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn no. 805

*Hymn no. 21

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

Invitation to offering

Remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Offertory

Day by Day

arr. Jay Rouse

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn no. 809

*Prayer of thanksgiving

Holy and generous God, you have anointed us and we are yours. Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. **Amen.**

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn no. 224

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

HENDON

Charge and blessing

Go now in peace; serve the Lord with gladness. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

arr. Lloyd Larson

Congregational meeting

**Please stand as you are able*

Announcements

Record from last week (04/23/23) Attendance • 55

Offering • \$2,272

This week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

TODAY	after service	Congregational Meeting
Monday	5:30 PM	Pastor Nominating Committee
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Upcoming events

Sunday, 5/7	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 5/14	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Tuesday, 5/16	Presbyterian Women (lesson 9, Sabbath and Community)
Sunday, 5/21	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 5/28	Led by the Rev. Philip Williams (with Communion); recognition of Seniors Whit Williams and Kya Cotton
Sunday, 6/4	Led by the Rev. Philip Williams (with Communion)
Sunday, 6/11	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 6/18	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 6/25	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. John Dudley

Rev. Dr. John Dudley has served as a Presbyterian minister for fifty-one years. For the past forty-seven years he has carried out his ministry as a member of the Presbytery of Mississippi. In addition to his work as a pastor, he has taught mathematics at the University of Southern Mississippi for many years. John and his wife Cathy celebrated their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary last year.

Congregational meeting

A congregational meeting will be held today immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting for the Session to present the church budget for 2023. The Reverend Dr. John Dudley will moderate.

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 JJWMP. 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

Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year. Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to revere the Lord your God always (Deuteronomy 14:22-23). Please speak with Dennis Ross, 2023 Stewardship chairman, with any questions or concerns.

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 Stacey Moak in memory of his mother, Imogene Moak, and his aunt, Sylvia Harris.

Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings is: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10. Acts 2:42-47 describes what life was like in the early church. How do these words guide today's church?

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