



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/MOTHER'S DAY

May 14, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Whitney Rawlings

Prelude

God, Give Us Christian Homes

arr. Cindy Berry

Introit

Faith of Our Mothers

ST. CATHERINE

*Call to worship

Bless the Lord, o people, sing!

Let the sound of praise ring out.

Come and hear what the Lord has done,

the Lord who has made everything!

*Hymn no. 558 (verses 1 & 4) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

Call to confession

Brothers and sisters, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

Prayer of confession

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

The Word

Anthem

A Mother's Faith

Becki Mayo and Lynn Bailey

J.J. White Chancel Choir featuring Sarah Ross, clarinet

Prayer for illumination

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: Open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life – a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ's love in the world. All this as ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

Amen.

Scriptures: *Acts 17:22-31; John 14:15-21*

Sermon

Known God

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. 523

Trust and Obey

TRUST AND OBEY

Invitation to offering

God, the divine giver, gifts us with life and breath and all that is. In gratitude, let us offer our gifts in return for the goodness and grace of God in Christ.

Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Chris Rice

Bridget Regan, voice; Jennifer Sanders, piano

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn no. 809

*Prayer of thanksgiving

O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all tribes, nations, and peoples your love in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn no. 389

Happy the Home When God Is There

ST. AGNES

Charge and blessing

Sisters and brothers, God has heard you and given heed to your prayers. Therefore, go in peace to serve Christ.

May God, who creates, redeems, and sustains, keep you steadfast in faith, buoyant in hope, and abounding in love. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Postlude

Living for Jesus a Life That Is True

arr. Clarence Kohlmann

**Please stand as you are able*

Announcements

Record from last week (05/07/23) Attendance • 51

Offering • \$6,360

This week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Monday	5:30 PM	Pastor Nominating Committee
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Presbyterian Women (lesson 9, Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Upcoming events

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
Wednesday, 5/31	May birthday potluck BBQ on the green
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 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.

Welcome to our guest musician

Bridget Regan is a native of Magnolia. After graduating from McComb High School, she attended the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City and remained there for ten years. Bridget went on to earn a bachelors in psychology from the City University of New York and a masters in special education from Mississippi State. Bridget is currently a special educator in the Brookhaven School District.

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

But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you (Matthew 6:3-4). Thank you for all tithes and offerings to support the work of this church in its service to the community and the world. 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 Wayne Hutchison in honor of the mothers in our congregation. Praise be to God!

Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings includes Psalm 66:8-20 and 1 Peter 3:13-22. According to the psalmist, God brought the people through trials, tests, burdens, and pain to a spacious place of life, breath, and salvation. God heard their prayers and opened them to deliverance. Where have you felt such a spacious place? What story do you tell of the ways that God is blessing you? What story does your faith community tell of the ways in which God is blessing them?

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