



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

DAY OF PENTECOST / RECOGNITION OF SENIORS

May 28, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Whitney Rawlings

Recognition of seniors Whit Williams and Kya Cotton

Prelude

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

arr. Glenda Austin

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

Lanny Wolfe

***Call to worship**

Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty. **Alleluia!**

Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit. **Alleluia!**

Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

***Hymn no. 291**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Call to confession

God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

Prayer of confession

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others.

Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen.

The Word

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Richard Shephard

Prayer for illumination

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. **Amen.**

Scriptures: *Genesis 11:1-9; John 14:15-17; Acts 2:1-13*

Sermon

Spooky Spirit?

the Reverend Philip Williams

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

***Gloria Patri**

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn no. 805

***Hymn no. 776**

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

†The sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Insert

Invitation to offering

With thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, let us offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor for God's work in the world.

Offertory

Holy Ground

arr. Phillip Keveren

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn no. 809

***Prayer of thanksgiving**

Almighty God, we have opened our hands to you, and our hands have been filled with good things. Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your care for us, and help us to bless you with dedication of our lives; through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayers of the people

Sending

***Hymn no. 295 (verses 1 & 4)**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

Charge and blessing

Be witnesses of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, who sits at the right hand of God in glory, and who sends the Holy Spirit to empower us for service in his name.

May the grace of God the Father bless you with peace, may the love of Christ, God's son, sustain you in joy, and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage, this day and forevermore. Bless the Lord!

Postlude

Come Down, Lord

Stan Pethel

**Please stand as you are able*

†Gluten-free communion bread available

Announcements

Record from last week (05/21/23) Attendance • 44

Offering • \$2,835

This week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Monday	5:30 PM	Pastor Nominating Committee
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 PM	May birthday potluck BBQ on the green with gospel choir

Upcoming events

Sunday, 6/4	Led by the Rev. Philip Williams (with Communion)
Sunday, 6/11	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; Session meeting
Sunday, 6/18	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 6/25	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; MICA food pantry collection
Sunday, 7/2	Led by the Rev. Jill Buckley
Sunday, 7/9	Led by the Rev. Amy Finkelberg
Sunday, 7/16	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 7/23	Led by the Rev. Dr. John Dudley

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 Philip Williams

Rev. Phillip Williams is honorably retired from the Presbytery of Mississippi. For 13 years he faithfully served the Vernal Presbyterian Church in Lucedale. He attended the University of Florida and received his M.Div. from Columbia Seminary. Rev. Williams is also a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol. He is currently taking flying lessons and, when not in the pulpit, you can find him in the cockpit. He is delighted to be with you this morning.

Alert!

Some members of our church and some of our friends have received requests from known ministers, via social media, to purchase gift cards. **THIS IS A SCAM.** Do **not** respond if you are contacted.

May birthday BBQ

Please join us this **Wednesday at 5:30 PM** on the church green to celebrate all birthdays in May with a potluck barbecue and gospel choir. Bring a lawn chair along with your potluck food and celebrate!

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

He ordered the people living in Jerusalem to give the portion due the priests and Levites so they could devote themselves to the Law of the Lord (2 Chronicles 31:4). 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

Dennis Ross
Randy White
Rusty Whittington

Class of 2024

Melisa DeCoux
Suzi Drummond
Whitney Rawlings

Class of 2025

Tommy Brock
Linda Miller
Noggin Wild

Sanctuary flowers

Today's sanctuary flowers are provided by Marie and Kay "Naklie girls" to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mother, Loreice Naklie, on her birthday weekend.

Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings includes Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39. What prophetic word for the community has God given to you? In what way do you struggle with conflicts between your way of life and the prophetic word God would have you proclaim to others? How are the acts of God manifest in your life and witness?

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