



# J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

June 4, 2023 • 10:30 AM

## Gathering

**Welcome and announcements**

**Prelude**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

*Whitney Rawlings*

**Introit**

*Father, I Adore You*

arr. Mary McDonald

arr. Benjamin Harlan

**\*Call to worship**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of us.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn no. 2**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

NICAEA

**Call to confession**

Creation displays the glory of God, but our sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals. Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God, our Maker, Savior, and life-giving Redeemer. Let us confess our sins, that we may receive such grace.

**Prayer of confession**

**Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service.**

**We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth; Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity. Amen.**

## The Word

**Anthem**

*At the Table of the Lord*

Jay Althouse

**Prayer for illumination**

Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life. Tell us who we are and to whom we belong so that we may live with gratitude for all that you have done. **Amen.**

**Scriptures:** *Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-14; Matthew 3:13-17*

**Sermon**

*The Holy Trinity*

*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. 3 (verses 1 & 4)**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

**†The sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Communion Insert**

**Invitation to offering**

Jesus sends his disciples into the world to bless all by his grace. With God's love, in the Holy Spirit, let us make this our offering to God.

**Offertory**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Lloyd Larson

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Hymn no. 809*

**\*Prayer of thanksgiving**

For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God. For day and night, evening and morning, for land and sea, for fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant. Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**Prayers of the people**

## Sending

**\*Hymn no. 4**

*Father, I Adore You*

MARANATHA

**Charge and blessing**

The eternal Creator calls us. The risen Savior sends us. The dynamic Spirit empowers us. Go into all the world, making disciples for Jesus Christ. Go in peace!

Through baptism, you are one with Christ. He will be with you always. Through baptism, you have received the Holy Spirit, which breathes into you new life. Through baptism, you are seated in the love of God, who will keep you forever.

## Announcements

**Record from last week (05/28/23)** Attendance • 50

Offering • \$1,169

### 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)

### Upcoming events

Sunday, 6/11	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; <b>Session</b> meeting
Sunday, 6/18	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 6/25	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; <b>MICA</b> 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
Sunday, 7/30	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 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.

### 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

**As soon as the order went out, the Israelites generously gave the first fruits of their grain, new wine, olive oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything** (2 Chronicles 31:5). 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

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 Noggin and Beth Wild in memory of Warren H. Wild and June Guice Wild.

### Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

Review how you have learned about Earth throughout your life, giving thanks for each of your teachers and guides. In what ways does your way of living reflect gratitude for Earth? How might you enhance your care for God's creation?

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