



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

PROPER 5 / 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 11, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Whitney Rawlings

Prelude

The God of Abraham Praise

arr. Lloyd Larson

Introit

Father, I Adore You

arr. Benjamin Harlan

*Call to worship

All who are righteous, shout with joy to our God!

Let us sing a new song!

Praise God and give thanks, with organs, with guitars, with all kinds of instruments!

Play your best with joy!

Because our Creator's word is right, and everything God does is done for our good.

Let your faithful love surround us, O God!

*Hymn no. 306 (verses 1 & 4)

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

Call to confession

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick, says Jesus. Let us confess the afflictions that separate us from God's love so that we can receive the care of the ultimate physician.

Prayer of confession

God of calling, you called Abraham and Matthew and gave them the strength they needed to follow you. You also called a people and cared for and nurtured that people so that they could live life in your abundance.

You also call us, but sometimes we prefer to close our eyes and cover our ears, turning our backs to your will. Forgive us, O God, and grant us the confidence and the hope that we need to follow when you call. Amen.

The Word

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Roland E. Martin

Prayer for illumination

By your Word, O God, everything was made. Your Word is powerful and can transform the hearts of men and women. Speak to us today, O God. Open our hearts and minds to your renovating Word, and give us guidance and strength. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture: *Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

Sermon

Details Matter

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 (verses 1, 2 & 4)

Trust and Obey

TRUST AND OBEY

Invitation to the offering

God, who knows our needs and our wants, gives us all we have and invites us to give in gratitude and joy so that we can bless others as we have been blessed. Let us worship God through our offerings, in thankfulness and love..

Offertory

TBA

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*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn no. 809

*Prayer of thanksgiving

Ancient of Days, you call us not just to give us the blessing of being called your people, but also to be a blessing for all people on this earth. Give us the wisdom and the courage to be a blessing to this community and to this world. Through these offerings may we be channels of your compassion and healing to others, for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn no. 517 (verses 1 & 2)

The Solid Rock

SOLID ROCK

Charge and blessing

Do not waver in unbelief regarding the promise of God, but be strengthened by God's faith and give glory to God, being fully persuaded that God has the power to do what God promises, every day.

May God our Father bless you so that you can be a blessing to others. May Christ bless you so that you can be healers of a world that is hurting. May the Holy Spirit bless you so that you can spread the hope that only the triune God can inspire and give to this world.

**Please stand as you are able*

Announcements

Record from last week (06/04/23) Attendance • 40

Offering • \$6,290

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, 6/18	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. Philip Williams
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 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.

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	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 Mr. and Mrs. Randy White in loving memory of her mother, Mrs. Lillian Rawlings, and brother, Ray Davis Rawlings, on their birthdays, June 14.

Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings includes Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26. How are we called to a blessing to this world? How can you be a healing presence in your home, in your community, and in your church? How can you live and work to share the message of faith with those who live without it?

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