



# J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

## PROPER 6 / FATHER'S DAY

June 18, 2023 • 10:30 AM

### Gathering

#### Welcome and announcements

Whitney Rawlings

#### Prelude

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

arr. James Pethel

#### Introit

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

traditional Swedish melody

#### \*Call to worship

Jesus Christ summons us to answer God's call of mercy. Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal,

**to be forgiven and to forgive,**

to be freed from sin and to set others free,

**to tell one another and the world:**

God's presence is at hand.

**Let us worship God.**

#### \*Hymn no. 509 (verses 1, 3, 4)

*O, How I Love Jesus*

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#### Call to confession

The mystery of God brings the promise of life, but we doubt the Spirit's power to overcome death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son, reveals that nothing is impossible with God. Let us confess our sin and receive new life.

#### Prayer of confession

**Triune God, Holy Three, Holy One, we confess that we do not know how to look for you. We do not sense your nearness, and if there are angels among us, we are unaware. We do not show the hospitality to strangers that Abraham showed to you. We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed by your Spirit.**

**O Covenant keeper, forgive us. Let us laugh with joy because your grace has made peace among us. Send us out with this good news so that others will also receive your blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### The Word

#### Anthem

*I Knew My Father Knew*

Sally DeFord

Jeremy Threlfall, voice; Jennifer Sanders, piano

#### Prayer for illumination

God of redemption, summon us to Sarah's joy, Abraham's wonder, and Paul's confident hope through the word and work of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

**Scripture:** *Genesis 18:1-15; Romans 5:1-8*

#### Sermon

*Hospitality and Hope*

*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. 692

*Faith of Our Fathers*

ST. CATHERINE

#### Invitation to the offering

Jesus gathered the disciples and gave them authority to heal the sick, cast out evil, and proclaim the good news. Let us present our offerings for the mission of the church, bearing witness to the kingdom of God.

#### Offertory

*Bring Him Home*

*Claude-Michel Schonberg*

Jeremy Threlfall, voice; Jennifer Sanders, piano

#### \*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Hymn no. 809*

#### \*Prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed Trinity, three-part harmony, in you those who sing for joy revel in your glory, and those who cry in pain find comfort in their sorrow. Thank you for being God with us. Thank you for keeping your promises to our faith ancestors and to us. Thank you for coming near to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for hope that brings life through the power of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for the love you hold up before the world on the cross of Christ our Savior. Even our offerings come from the fruits of your blessings. Praise to you, O Holy God! Thanks to you, O Holy Three! Glory to your name, O God Most High! **Amen.**

#### Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

### Sending

#### \*Hymn no. 708 (verses 1, 2, 4)

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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## Charge and blessing

Live without fear of the wrath of God. Live in the peace of Christ. Live in the hope of the Spirit.

The three persons of the Trinity surround you. The hand of God keep you from all harm; the Spirit of God guide you in all joy; the Son of God deliver you to eternal life.

## Postlude

*Good Good Father*

arr. Phillip Keveren

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## Announcements

**Record from last week (06/11/23)**

Attendance • 40

Offering • \$5,920

### 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, 6/25	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; <b>MICA</b> food pantry collection
Wednesday, 6/28	June <b>birthday pizza party</b> @5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall (not potluck)
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 (with <b>Communion</b> ); <b>Session</b> meeting

### 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

**Jeremy Threlfall** resides in McComb with his wife Cleia. His love for singing started at the early age of 5 and has developed into a life of performing, composing, recording, filming, and even arranging – with a variety of audiences ranging from country to Broadway, opera to children, and inspirational.

### 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

*[The priest] blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything (Genesis 14:19-20).* 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.

### MICA food collection

Next Sunday, **June 25**, is MICA collection. Please remember your MICA gifts to help the hungry in our community. Peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, and rice are always needed.

### June birthday pizza party

The Fellowship Committee, chaired by Elder Tommy Brock, is planning a pizza party on Wednesday, June 28, at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will have pizza, salad, beverages, and birthday cake. This is not a potluck – no need to bring anything. Just show up and have fun with the June birthday celebrants!

### Session

Watkins "Noggin" Wild, Clerk of Session • Wayne Hutchison, Treasurer		
<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>
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 Clem & Debbie Stovall in honor of all fathers on this Father's Day.

### Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings includes Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Matthew 9:35-10:8. How is God's presence experienced in a Christian's life? What are some specific times when you have experienced God's presence in your life? in the lives of others? What can you do to help others experience God's presence?

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