



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

PROPER 7

June 25, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Prelude

Glorify Thy Name

Whitney Rawlings

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

arr. Mark Hayes

Lanny Wolfe

***Call to worship**

God cares for us completely
and calls for our total commitment.
Christ gave his life that we might live
and calls us to give our lives to him.
Through Christ we have died to sin;
in Christ we are fully alive to God.
Come, let us worship God.

***Hymn no. 651**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

Call to confession

Sin destroys our lives. Sin destroys our relationships. Sin destroys our hope. But through faith in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our lives, our relationships, and our future are no longer enslaved to sin. Let us trust the love of God and confess our sin, that we might receive grace and find true freedom.

Prayer of confession

God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, God of Hagar and Ishmael, who gave us your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified, send your Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sins.

We turn against one another; we fail to care for the weak and poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless; we seek our own advantage.

Your Son emptied himself upon a Roman cross and revealed your eternal, self-giving love. Forgive us, merciful God. Wipe sin from our lives and let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

The Word

Anthem

Come Down, Lord

Stan Pethel

Prayer for illumination

O God, you have the power to make a desert a place of renewal and a cross a sign of redemption. Send your Holy Spirit so that we can hear you and entrust ourselves completely to you for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Scripture: *Genesis 21:8-21*

Sermon

Family Drama!

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. 538**

I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED

Invitation to the offering

Christ knows every breath we take: each one is a gift from the Spirit. God watches over, protects, and provides for us. Let us present our offerings of thanksgiving for the goodness of the triune God.

Offertory

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

arr. Jay Rouse

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn no. 809

***Prayer of thanksgiving**

Holy One, incarnate One, dynamic One, God who is Trinity, we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the life in Christ Jesus that we receive from you. You have shown that your mercy overcomes sin and evil and brings relief from oppression. We thank you for your steadfast love that keeps covenant with your people. In Christ we know the depth of your care for all that you create. We invite the Holy Spirit to help us so that we can praise you eternally in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

***Hymn no. 576 (verse 1)**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

Charge and blessing

Go with the God of Hagar and Sarah; bear witness to the Christ of sword and sparrow; live in the Spirit into whom you are baptized. Consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The God of all mercy, who answers the cries of the helpless and raises you from death, keep you safe in Christ Jesus, now and forever.

Postlude

God Will Take Care of You

arr. Cindy Berry

**Please stand as you are able*

Announcements

Record from last week (06/18/23) Attendance • 50

Offering • \$6,788

This week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

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| Monday | 5:30 PM | Pastor Nominating Committee |
| Wednesday | 7:15 AM | Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 4:45 PM | Choir rehearsal |
| | 5:30 PM | June birthday pizza party (Fellowship Hall) – not potluck |

Upcoming events

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| 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 Communion); Session meeting |
| Sunday, 7/23 | Led by the Rev. Barron Banks |
| Sunday, 7/30 | Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; MICA food pantry collection |

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

We also assume responsibility for bringing to the house of the Lord each year the first-fruits of our crops and of every fruit tree, ... the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, of our herds and of our flocks to the house of our God, to the priests ministering there ... and we will bring a tithe of our crops (Nehemiah 10:35-37). 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 Spike and Martha Simmons.

Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings includes Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39. What does the story of Sarah and Hagar (Genesis 21:8-21) say about God? What does the story suggest about how we might treat one another more justly?

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