



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

PROPER 8

July 2, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Prelude

America, the Beautiful

Whitney Rawlings

arr. Tedd Smith

Introit

Blessed the Nation

CARMEL

God calls us by name into the presence of holiness
as God's holy people.

We answer this call by the grace of God
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the name of God's own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
come, let us worship God.

*Hymn no. 417

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

Call to confession

How costly is our broken relationship with God! The price of sin is a spiritless life, which is no life at all. Where are joy, peace, or lasting love to be found, except in the One who creates peace and joy, who sent Jesus Christ, the beloved Son, to save us from our sin? Let us confess, repent, and trust God to forgive us our sin.

Prayer of confession

O God, on lonely Mount Moriah you put your servant Abraham to the test. We confess that we have failed much lesser tests of our faith. We have allowed sin to run our lives, to shape how we act toward others, and to kill our relationship with you. In your great mercy, forgive us. Change even our bodies from implements of destruction to instruments of your peace; for the sake of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

Anthem

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

arr. Tom Fettke

Prayer for illumination

Terrifying Word, life-giving Word, sanctifying Word: come to us as ones who crave water in the desert. Grant that we may hear and respond to you, yes, in fear and trembling, and also in rejoicing, through the Lamb that was slaughtered, Jesus Christ, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, is worshiped and glorified by all your saints, now and forever. Amen.

Scriptures: *Genesis 22:1-14; Matthew 10:40-42*

Sermon

the Reverend Jill Buckley

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn no. 805

*Hymn no. 60

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Invitation to the offering

God gave the only begotten Son so that we may have eternal life through him. Let us offer our thanksgiving with the gifts of our lives.

Offertory

Amazing Grace

arr. Joseph Martin

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn no. 809

*Prayer of thanksgiving

Voice in the wilderness, Lamb upon the tree, wind carrying the Word of salvation to the world – you who are the One in Three, thank you for calling us by name, for providing for our needs, for freeing us to live in union with Christ. We offer to you what you have given to us in joy with love for the common good. Bless gifts, givers, and receivers so that we can give you our richest praise in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn no. 419

God of Our Fathers

NATIONAL HYMN

Charge and blessing

Learn the ways of God, for they are the ways of life. Trust in Jesus Christ, the Son, for he is the way to God. Live by the power of the Holy Spirit, who will show you the love of Jesus.

God protect you when the threats of life howl around you; Christ protect you when shades of sin creep within you; Spirit of God protect you when flames of passion overcome you. God who is Three in One keep you safely and deliver you graciously to eternal life.

Postlude

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BATTLE HYMN

**Please stand as you are able*

Announcements

Record from last week (06/25/23) Attendance • 40

Offering • \$4,738

This week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Monday	5:30 PM	Pastor Nominating Committee
Tuesday	office hours	Church office closed for July 4 th holiday
Wednesday	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 PM	Choir rehearsal

Upcoming events

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
Sunday, 8/6	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 8/13	Led by the Rev. Dr. John Dudley
Sunday, 8/20	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 8/27	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 Jill Buckley

The Rev. Jill Barnes Buckley is currently the Executive Director of Stewpot Community Services in Jackson, MS. (Stewpot is a ministry started over 40 years ago by Jackson congregations to help feed, clothe, and shelter their neighbors in need.) A graduate of Boston University School of Theology, Jill was ordained by Northminster Baptist Church in 2008 and served that congregation for 12 years as their Associate Pastor for Community Ministry. Jill lives in Jackson with her husband, Paul, who is a schoolteacher, and their son, Benjamin, who is 10 years old. Welcome, Rev. Buckley!

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

A priest descended from Aaron is to accompany the Levites when they receive the tithes, and the Levites are bring a tenth of the tithes up to the house of our God, to the storerooms of the treasury (Nehemiah 10:38). Please speak with Dennis Ross, 2023 Stewardship chairman, with any questions or concerns about your tithes or offerings.

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 Vicki Brill in honor of the J.J. White church community and to the glory of this nation as we celebrate its founding this week.

Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings includes Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42. What is God asking me to return? Why? What might be the outcome?

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