



# J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

## PROPER 13 • 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 6, 2023 • 10:30 AM

### Gathering

**Welcome and announcements**

*Tommy Brock*

**Prelude**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

arr. Joseph Barnby

**Introit**

*God Will Make a Way*

Don Moen

**\*Call to worship**

God meets us in our greatest need,  
and satisfies us with divine presence and provision.

In gratitude,

let us worship the Lord our God.

**\*Hymn no. 99**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

**Call to confession**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of the One who blesses us and meets our need.

**Prayer of confession**

God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings.

Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Word

**Anthem**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

arr. Stan Pethel

**Prayer for illumination**

All-knowing God, you have satisfied our hunger at sunset and held us close through nights of wrestling. Now let the day break with your blessing. Awaken and illumine us by your Word that we may behold your likeness. Amen.

**Scripture:** *Matthew 14:13-21*

**Sermon**

*Abundant Discipleship*

*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. 623**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

SWEET HOUR

**Invitation to the offering**

In the faithful hands of Christ, our little is multiplied to feed many. Come now; let us offer our loaves and fishes to the All-Sufficient One who said, "Bring them here to me."

**Offertory**

*Softly and Tenderly*

arr. Nancy Lyons Smith

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Hymn no. 809*

**\*Prayer of thanksgiving**

We thank you, Father, that you have empowered us to participate in the miraculous multiplying ministry of your Son. Receive now these gifts you have provided us out of your abundance that your miracle ministry may multiply to satisfy the hungry of this world today; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

### Sending

**\*Hymn no. 306 (verses 1 & 4)**

*Standing on the Promises*

PROMISES

**Charge and blessing**

Touched, changed, called, and empowered, go now in the power and provision of Christ to heal the sick, feed the hungry, and serve the world.

Christ himself, who holds you in his hands, has blessed you, broken you, and given you as his gift to the world. May the grace of Christ be multiplied to you and through you, now and forever.

**Postlude**

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

arr. Greg Swensen

*\*Please stand as you are able*

### Announcements

**Record from last week (07/30/23)**

*Attendance • 51*

*Offering • \$2,532*

## This week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Monday	5:30 PM	Pastor Nominating Committee
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Women's Bible study (PW, Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

## Upcoming events

Sunday, 8/13	Led by the Rev. Dr. John Dudley; <b>Congregational meeting</b> and <b>Session</b> meeting
Sunday, 8/20	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson, with <b>Communion</b>
Sunday, 8/27	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; <b>MICA</b> food collection
Wednesday, 8/30	August birthdays celebration at 5:30 PM
Sunday, 9/3	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 9/10	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 9/17	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 9/24	Led by the Rev. Joe Pack Arnold; <b>MICA</b> food 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.

## New members

We heartily welcome new members **Sam and Ganeath Daniel!**

## Congregational meeting in August

A congregational meeting will be held next **Sunday, August 13**, immediately following worship, to elect an Elder Nominating Committee. Copies of the ballot are now available for prayerful consideration of choices before the election; votes will be counted right after the congregational meeting. This Elder Nominating Committee will provide a slate of 3 members to be placed in nomination in October for the position of Elder to serve a three-year term (2024-26). Contact Suzi Drummond with any questions.

## Women's Bible study

A new women's Bible study ("PW") begins this **Tuesday, August 8, at 11:30**. This year's study is *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. We will explore in-depth how Jesus spread non-random acts of kindness, mercy, and grace, and how Luke uses Jesus' ministry as a model for the church (and us, His people!) in the world. Refreshments are provided, and *all* are cordially invited to participate, join in fellowship, and learn. Contact Sarah Ross with any questions.

## 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

**No one may pick out the good from the bad or make any substitution. If anyone does make a substitution, both the animal and its substitute become holy and cannot be redeemed. These are the commands the Lord gave Moses at Mount Sinai for the Israelites (Leviticus 27:33-34)** Please speak with Dennis Ross, 2023 Stewardship chairman, with any questions about your tithes or offerings.

## 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 Debbi and Tommy Brock with blessings and prayers for all our youth starting back to school. May God keep them safe and happy.

## Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings includes Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21. *Jacob was left alone and a man wrestled with him until daybreak* (Gen. 32:24). Why do you think God allows time of struggle in our lives? How have times of struggle affected your walk with God? How does your relationship with God affect your view of overwhelming problems in the world, such as hunger, poverty, violence, or injustice? How do your personal struggles affect your relationships with others, especially those going through struggles of their own?

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