



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

PROPER 14 • 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Tommy Brock
arr. Carol Tornquist

Introit

God Will Make a Way

Don Moen

*Call to Worship

This is the day which the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

*Hymn No. 52

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all, who is generous to all who call upon him.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

The Word

Ministry in Music

How Great Thou Art
Jeremy Threlfall, *tenor*
Jennifer Sanders, *piano*

arr. Lloyd Larson

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory. Amen.

Scriptures: *Judges 16:1-3, Philippians 4:10-13; Mark 12:28-34*

Sermon

What Can I Do?

the Rev. Dr. John Dudley

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

*Hymn No. 805

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

*Hymn No. 491

Jesus Is All the World to Me

ELIZABETH

Invitation to the Offering

Christ has freely given us the gift of grace and salvation. Let us therefore freely bring our generous gifts of gratitude to him.

Offertory

Simple Gifts

arr. Mark Schweizer

J.J. White Chancel Choir featuring Jeremy Threlfall, *tenor*

*Hymn No. 809

Praise God from Whom All Blessings

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for your sustaining presence and abundant grace. Receive now these gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine, relieve the oppressed in time of trouble, and proclaim everywhere the good news of your Son, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn No. 72 (v. 1)

To God Be the Glory

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Charge and Blessing

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. Anna Laura Page

Congregational Meeting

**Please stand as you are able*

Announcements

Record from Last Sunday

Attendance • 47

Offering • \$4,010

This Week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

TODAY	following worship	Congregational meeting
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, 8/20	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson, with Communion
Sunday, 8/27	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; MICA 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
Tuesday, 9/12	Women's Bible Study (PW), <i>Sacred Encounters</i> lesson 2 at 11:30 AM
Sunday, 9/17	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 9/24	Led by the Rev. Joe Pack Arnold; MICA collection, Congregational 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 Dr. John Dudley

Rev. Dr. John Dudley has served as a Presbyterian minister for fifty-one years. For the past forty-seven years he has carried out his ministry as a member of the Presbytery of Mississippi. In addition to his work as a pastor, he has taught mathematics at the University of Southern Mississippi for many years. John and his wife Cathy celebrate their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary next Sunday.

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.

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held **today**, immediately following worship, to elect an Elder Nominating Committee. This committee will develop a slate of 3 nominees to serve a three-year term on the Session (2024-26); the election of Elders will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2023.

August Birthday Celebration

Please join us in a potluck birthday celebration on **Wednesday, August 30**, at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will honor those with August birthdays, including Eileen Cato on the very special occasion of her 104th! The church will provide bread, salad, punch, and birthday cake; please bring your favorite appetizer/hors d'oeuvre (and a friend!) to share. Enjoy a light bite in a bright night!

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

Jacob said, "This stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth" (Genesis 28:22). 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		
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 June Hart in memory of Paul and Dalpha DeCoux.

Lectionary Readings and Questions for Reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings includes Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33. Why did Jesus send the disciples ahead while he stayed to pray alone? How do times of turmoil and anxiety affect your trust in God?

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