



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

PROPER 22 • 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 8, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Whitney Rawlings

Prelude

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Cindy Berry

Introit

Sanctuary

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Call to Worship

The heavens declare the glory of God!

The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,

the night expounds God's knowledge without a word,

and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

*Hymn No. 689 (vv. 1, 5)

The Church's One Foundation

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Call to Confession

Let us boldly confess our sin before the One who already knows our errors and is gracious to forgive our hidden faults.

Prayer of Confession

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery.

Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption.

Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.

The Word

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

setting by Roland Martin

(based on Bach's *Suite No. 1 in G* for unaccompanied cello)

Prayer for Illumination

God who speaks, your law is perfect, reviving the soul; your command is clear, enlightening the eyes.

May your Spirit illumine this Word that our eyes may be opened and our souls revived. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture: *Exodus 20:1-20*

Sermon

Building Community Together

the Rev. Chris Richardson

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

*Hymn No. 805 (Gloria Patri)

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

*Hymn No. 101

My Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON

Invitation to the Offering

Straining forward to what lies ahead, let us offer ourselves to God.

Offertory

How Great Thou Art

arr. Bruce Greer

*Hymn No. 809 (Doxology)

Praise God from Whom All Blessings

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

As the bride offers all that she is and all that she has to her bridegroom, so we offer ourselves to you, our heavenly bridegroom. May these offerings increase our joy and reflect your glory. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 21 (vv. 1, 4)

How Great Thou Art

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Sending

Charge and Blessing

Beloved, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, press on toward the goal for the prize of our heavenly call in Christ Jesus.

May the love of the Creator, who rescues us from slavery, the grace of the Savior, who redeems us from brokenness, and the peace of the Spirit, who moves us into freedom, surround you, uphold you, and sustain you, now and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Cindy Berry

**Please stand as you are able*

Announcements

Record from Last Sunday

Attendance • 49

Offering • \$3,134

This Week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

TODAY	2:00 PM	Session meeting
Monday	5:30 PM	Pastor Nominating Committee
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (PW), <i>Sacred Encounters</i> , lesson 3
	5:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	10:00 AM	Visitation
	12:00 PM	Memorial service for Rev. Will Ratcliff (sanctuary)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, 10/15	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson	<i>Exodus 32:1-14</i>
Sunday, 10/22	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson	<i>Exodus 33:12-23</i>
Wednesday, 10/25	October birthday celebration	
Sunday, 10/29	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; MICA collection	<i>Deuteronomy 34:1-12</i>

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 JJWMPC. 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

Then say to the Lord your God: "I have removed from my house the sacred portion and have given it to the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, according to all you commanded" (Deuteronomy 26:13). 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 Wayne Hutchison in memory of Jeffrey Craghead during the week of his birthday.

Lectionary Readings and Questions for Reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings includes Exodus 20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4-14; Matthew 21:33-46. What has been holding you captive and enslaved? What would you lose if you claimed Sabbath rest? What would you gain? How can you share that blessing with others?

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