



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

PROPER 23 • 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 15, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Noggin Wild

Prelude

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

arr. Pepper Choplin

Introit

God Is So Good

GOD IS SO GOOD

*Call to Worship

The Lord is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn No. 34

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

Call to Confession

We and our ancestors have sinned. Our ancestors exchanged the glory of God for the image of a golden calf. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt. While our means are different, our compulsions are the same. Let us confess our brokenness, for God is merciful and just and will forgive us our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference – the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause – an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request or peace not immediately felt.

Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Word

Anthem

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

arr. Ronald Turner

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit of God, shine your light upon this Word and into our hearts that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding. **Amen.**

Scripture: *Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 32:1-14*

Sermon

God Remembers

Cassie Alston

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

*Hymn No. 805 (Gloria Patri)

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

*Hymn No. 523

Trust and Obey

TRUST AND OBEY

Invitation to the Offering

Beloved, do not worry about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. In the assurance of this promise, let us confidently offer ourselves to God, knowing that God has already provided all that we need.

Offertory

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Don Wyrzten

with Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor, Op. 13 *Sonata Pathetique*

*Hymn No. 809 (Doxology)

Praise God from Whom All Blessings

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creator God, you are our provider. We offer all that we have and all that we are to you, because we belong to you. Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church, that through the work of your Spirit we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. Through Christ, our shield and our stronghold. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 622

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

Sending

Blessing

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Postlude

O Jesus, I Have Promised

arr. David Smither

**Please stand as you are able*

Announcements

Record from Last Sunday

Attendance • 51

Offering • \$7,945

This Week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

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, 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>Deut. 34:1-12</i>
Sunday, 11/5	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; observing All Saints' Day	
Sunday, 11/12	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; Session meeting	
Tuesday, 11/14	Women's Bible Study (PW), <i>Sacred Encounters</i> , lesson 4	
Sunday, 11/19	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; Communion	

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 Cassie Alston

Cassie Alston is a candidate to be a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Cassie has a Master's degree in Christian Education from Union Presbyterian Seminary and is completing a Master of Divinity degree at Columbia Theological seminary by serving as a chaplain intern at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. She has served as Director of Children's Ministry at Briarwood Presbyterian Church and Director of Christian Education at Fondren, both in Jackson. Cassie and her husband Sheldon have been members of Fondren since 1995. They have three adult sons: Sheldon, Miles, and Gray.

October Birthday Celebration

Celebrate October birthdays outdoors on the green on **Wednesday, October 25, at 5:00 PM!** Feast on grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, and bring a potluck side or dessert to share with the group. Enjoy once again the sounds of a gospel choir in the beauty of God's creation.

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

"Go to Bethel and sin; go to Gilgal and sin yet more. Bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three years. Burn leavened bread as a thank offering and brag about your freewill offerings – boast about them, for this is what you love to do," declares the sovereign Lord (Amos 4:4-5). 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

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 Dori Toler in memory of Rev. Will Ratcliff.

Lectionary Readings and Questions for Reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings includes Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14. Where has your trust in God wavered or broken down? What would it take for that trust to be restored? When have you experienced the peace of God, which passes understanding? How can you share that give of peace with others in need of it?

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