



# J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

## PROPER 24 • 21<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 22, 2023 • 10:30 AM

### Gathering

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

*O, How I Love Jesus*

Noggin Wild  
arr. Tracey McKibben

#### Introit

*Be Strong in the Lord*

STRENGTH

#### \*Call to Worship

Lord, you have welcome us, saying

**“I know you by name, and you have found favor with me.”**

Lord, you have promised us,

**“My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”**

Lord, you have blessed us, saying,

**“I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you.”**

Lord, you have humbled us, saying,

**“I will proclaim my holy name in your presence.”**

#### \*Hymn No. 509

*O, How I Love Jesus*

O, HOW I LOVE JESUS

#### Call to Confession

The Lord says: I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. Let us now confess our sin, casting ourselves on the promised mercy and compassion of God.

#### Prayer of Confession

The Lord reigns!

**Majestic God, do we tremble in awe before you?**

The Lord reigns!

**Sovereign God, have we executed justice?**

The Lord reigns!

**We bow before you, holy God. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Free us. In the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### The Word

#### Anthem

*More Precious Than Silver*

arr. Benjamin Harlan

#### Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, illumine for us this Word, that the message of the gospel may come to us in power.

Amen.

#### Scripture: *Exodus 33:12-23*

#### Sermon

*A Glimpse of Glory*

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. 227

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

TOPLADY

#### Invitation to the Offering

Jesus invites us to render to God the things that are God's. Trusting in God's infinite care, we gratefully present our offerings.

#### Offertory

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

arr. Stan Pethel

#### \*Hymn No. 809 (Doxology)

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings*

OLD HUNDREDTH

#### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We trust you, Lord God, to multiply the blessings these gifts represent, as we pour out your love and grace on those who long to hear your word to them, to see your power at work within them, to feel your comfort beside them, through the generous gifts of your Spirit. **Amen.**

#### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

#### \*Hymn No. 669 (vv. 1, 4)

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

### Sending

#### Charge and Blessing

Brothers and sisters, beloved by God who has chosen you, the gospel has come to you not only in word, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit with full conviction! Go out now in joy. Be an example to all, empowered to love the unlovable and forgive the unforgivable in the grace-filled name of Jesus Christ.

May God tuck us securely into the cleft of the rock of our salvation, Jesus Christ. May we sense the inexpressible awe of God's glory passing over us. And may we rest in the peace that passes all understanding, now and forevermore. Amen.

**Postlude**

*He Is Exalted*

arr. Mark Hayes

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## Announcements

**Record from Last Sunday**

Attendance • 41

Offering • \$3,805

**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)
	5:30 PM	October birthday <b>potluck</b> celebration (on the green)

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 10/25	October birthday celebration	
Sunday, 10/29	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; <b>MICA</b> collection	<i>Deut. 34:1-12</i>
Sunday, 11/5	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; observing <b>All Saints' Day</b>	
Sunday, 11/12	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; <b>Session</b> meeting	
Tuesday, 11/14	Women's Bible Study (PW), <i>Sacred Encounters</i> , lesson 4	
Sunday, 11/19	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; <b>Communion</b>	

### 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.

### October Birthday Celebration

Celebrate October birthdays outdoors on the green on this **Wednesday, October 25, at 5:30 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 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

**At that time men were appointed to be in charges of the storerooms for the contributions, first-fruits, and tithes (Nehemiah 12:44).** 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 Vicki Brill to the glory of God.

### Lectionary Readings and Questions for Reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings includes Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22. What does it mean to be an "imitator of Christ" (1 Thess. 1:6)? Who has influenced your life by the way that person "imitates" Christ, and how? What needs to happen within you to help you become an imitator of Christ?

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