



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

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November 5, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

We're Marching to Zion

Whitney Rawlings

Introit

Gathered in God's Name

arr. John Innes

Michael Burkhardt

*Call to Worship

Blessing and glory and wisdom **and thanksgiving and honor**
and power and might **be to our God forever and ever! Amen!**

*Hymn No. 596 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

We're Marching to Zion

MARCHING TO ZION

Call to Confession

In the face of God's goodness we recognize our failings. Hungry for God's mercy, let us tell the truth about our lives, that we might receive grace in time of need.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.

The Word

Anthem

Shall We Gather at the River

setting by John Carter

Based on HANSON PLACE and *Deep River*, traditional

J.J. White Chancel Choir featuring Bridget Regan, *Soprano*

Prayer for Illumination

In your Word, O God, show us heaven. By your Spirit, show us truth; through Christ, the Living Word, in whom we see your face. **Amen.**

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon

God's Family Reunion

Rev. Chris Richardson

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

*Hymn No. 805 (Gloria Patri)

Glory Be to the Father

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Ministry in Music

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Chris Rice

Bridget Regan, *Soprano*; Jennifer Sanders, *Piano*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for All Saints

We give you thanks, O Lord, for all your saints and servants who have lived justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you, their God. For all the high and holy ones, who have done wonders and been shining lights in the world, **we give you thanks.**

For all the meek and lowly ones, who have earnestly sought you in darkness, held fast to their faith in times of trial, and who have done good as they have had opportunity, **we give you thanks.**

Especially, we give thanks for those whom we have known and loved: *As we call each name, we will pause briefly to remember, to pray, and to give thanks for each life and witness.*

We remember...

J.C. Johnston (d. February 13, 2023)

Pat Randall (d. February 16, 2023)

Jeffrey Craghead (d. March 8, 2023)

Rev. Will Ratcliff (d. September 25, 2023)

Joan Kennedy (d. September 30, 2023)

And we remember ...

At this time, congregants may say names of other friends and family members who have passed away this year.

Following the worship service, you are invited to write these additional names in the Book of Remembrance.

We thank you, Lord, for these who, by their patient obedience and self-denial, steadfast hope, and helpfulness in trouble, have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. As they have comforted and upheld our spirits, grant us grace to follow in their steps, and at last to share with them in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

How can we withhold our gifts of gratitude in the face of such wondrous love? With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

Offertory

Sweet By and By

arr. Marianne Kim

Bridget Regan, *Soprano*; Jennifer Sanders, *Piano*

*Hymn No. 809 (Doxology)

Praise God from Whom All Blessings

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We magnify your name, O God, and together exalt your name, for you are so good to us and gracious beyond measure. In this life you lead us, comfort us, guide us, and redeem us in countless ways. In death you usher us to even greater blessing, bringing us through the great ordeal, embracing us in your endless light, and welcoming us to your table of goodness and plenty. These gifts we bring are but a token of our thanks, seeds to be planted for the growing of your kingdom, in which we have sure and certain hope. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 751 (vv. 1, 4)

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

Sending

Charge and Blessing

This day, and every day, o taste and see that the Lord is good.

May the God of hope keep you until Christ comes to take us all home. Amen.

Postlude

When We All Get to Heaven

arr. Mark Hayes

*Please stand as you are able

Announcements

Record from Last Sunday

Attendance • 41

Offering • \$4,662

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)
Saturday	10:00 AM	Baby shower for Gracie Senner (Fellowship Hall)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, 11/12	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; Session meeting	<i>Matt. 25:1-13</i>
Tuesday, 11/14	Women's Bible Study (PW) , <i>Sacred Encounters</i> , lesson 4 @ 11:30 AM	
Wednesday, 11/15	November birthday celebration @ 5:30 PM	
Sunday, 11/19	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; Communion	<i>Matt. 25:14-30; Ps. 90:1-8,12</i>
Sunday, 11/26	Led by the Rev. Jill Buckley; MICA food pantry 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.

Welcome to our guest musician

Bridget Regan is a native of Magnolia. After graduating from McComb High School, she attended the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City and remained there for ten years. Bridget went on to earn a bachelors in psychology from the City University of New York and a masters in special education from Mississippi State. Bridget is currently a hospital school teacher at Children's of Mississippi in Jackson.

Poinsettias for Advent

Following our usual tradition, during Advent we will display poinsettias in the church sanctuary. If you would like to honor someone, the poinsettia order forms will be available beginning today. The deadline for ordering is December 4.

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

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it (Psalm 24:1). Please speak with Dennis Ross, 2023 Stewardship chairman, with any questions about your tithes or offerings.

Session

Rev. Joan Gandy, Moderator • Watkins "Noggin" Wild, Clerk of Session • Wayne Hutchison, Treasurer		
Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Dennis Ross, <i>Stewardship & Finance</i>	Melisa DeCoux, <i>Christian Education</i>	Tommy Brock, <i>Fellowship & Evangelism</i>
Randy White, <i>Property</i>	Suzi Drummond, <i>Government</i>	Linda Miller, <i>Congregational Care</i>
Rusty Whittington, <i>Mission</i>	Whitney Rawlings, <i>Worship</i>	Noggin Wild

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's sanctuary flowers are provided by Glenn and Jennifer Sanders with love and thanksgiving in honor of the J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir.

Lectionary Readings and Questions for Reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture includes Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12. These readings describe the coming realm of God. How does the reality of heaven shape your life in prayer and in service?

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