



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

PROPER 27 • 22TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 12, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Whitney Rawlings

Prelude

We Gather Together

arr. John Turner

Introit

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

GIVE THANKS

***Call to Worship**

People of God, listen:

The Lord has done marvelous things.

Teach your children all that God has done

so that they may live in hope and die in peace. Amen!

***Hymn No. 514**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

Call to Confession

Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and his righteousness. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin that we might find forgiveness and new life in Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with your grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, to whom should we go? You have the words of eternal life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us of your promises that we might hear your truth and enjoy you forever; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture: *Matthew 25:1-13*

Sermon

Got Oil?

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. 199**

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

STORY OF JESUS

Invitation to the Offering

Freely we have received; freely we give, with gratitude and joy.

Offertory

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Helen Lemmel

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

Praise God from Whom All Blessings

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Gracious God, receive our gifts, tokens of thanks for your extravagant blessings, signs of trust in your coming reign of justice, peace, and love; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn No. 542**

Near to the Heart of God

MCAFEE

Sending

Charge and Blessing

Keep awake, for Christ is coming to gather us to his welcome table, where we will feast in joy.

May the grace of Christ surround you, the love of God uphold you, and the Holy Spirit spark you with unquenchable fire as you wait and work for the kingdom to come. Amen.

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

arr. Rob Roy Peery

**Please stand as you are able*

Announcements

Record from Last Sunday

Attendance • 60

Offering • \$3,742

This Week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Today	2:00 PM	Session meeting (Ewell Martin room)
Monday	5:30 PM	Pastor Nominating Committee
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (PW), <i>Sacred Encounters</i> , lesson 4
Wednesday	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	4:30 PM	Choir rehearsal
	5:30 PM	November birthday celebration @ 5:30 PM

Upcoming Events

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	
Sunday, 12/3	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson	<i>Mark 13:24-37</i>
Sunday, 12/10	Led by the Rev. Amy Finkelberg	
Tuesday, 12/12	Women's Bible Study (PW), special Christmas message @ 11:30 AM	
Sunday, 12/17	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>
Sunday, 12/24	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM services, both with Communion	<i>Luke 1:46-55</i>
Sunday, 12/31	Led by the Rev. Barron Banks; Congregational Meeting - installation of Elders 2026 class	

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 guest pianist

Hailing from McComb, Beverly Miller has a multi-generational heritage of being deeply involved with local churches and has 30+ years of personal experience as a church pianist. She also serves as pianist for weddings, funerals, and holiday events as well as teaching students weekly. Having music ingrained in her heart and knowing first-hand how transformative it can be for others leads Beverly to regularly serve others by sharing her talents. Welcome, Beverly, and thank you!

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 are available. The deadline for ordering is December 4.

MICA Food Pantry Needs

The next collection for MICA will be Sunday, November 26. Currently, MICA especially needs meat, macaroni and cheese, flour, corn meal, green beans, corn, and soup. Thank you for helping serve the needy.

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

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that (1 Timothy 6:6-8). 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

Dennis Ross, *Stewardship & Finance*
Randy White, *Property*
Rusty Whittington, *Mission*

Class of 2024

Melisa DeCoux, *Christian Education*
Suzi Drummond, *Government*
Whitney Rawlings, *Worship*

Class of 2025

Tommy Brock, *Fellowship & Evangelism*
Linda Miller, *Congregational Care*
Noggin Wild

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Alan Walman and Rev. Will Ratcliff, and in thanks for our church home in J.J. White by Jane and Tom Walman.

Lectionary Readings and Questions for Reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture includes Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13. How would it change your life if you were to wait expectantly for the return of Christ?

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