



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 19, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Prelude

O Worship the King

Whitney Rawlings

Introit

Open Our Eyes, Lord

arr. Phillip Keveren

arr. Benjamin Harlan

*Call to worship

The Holy One is our sovereign. Let us praise God's great and awesome name! Mighty ruler, lover of justice, you have established fairness among us. **Amen.**

*Hymn no. 29 (verses 1, 2, 4)

O Worship the King

LYONS

Call to confession

Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of confession

Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge; in Jesus our Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Declaration of forgiveness

The good news of our faith is this: if we call upon God we will be answered and forgiven. That promise gives us peace and joy; let us share that peace and joy with one another. **Thanks be to God!**

The Word

Anthem

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

arr. Stan Pethel

Prayer for illumination

God our light, make us attentive to your Word as to a lamp shining in a dark place, that seeing your faithfulness we may live faithful lives until that great day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts. **Amen.**

Scriptures: *Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9*

Sermon

Dazzling Light

the Reverend Chris Richardson

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn no. 805

*Hymn no. 115

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

†The sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Insert

Invitation to offering

Our God has revealed to us a law and a love that leads us into becoming God's own daughters and sons. Therefore, let us gratefully give from that which has first been given to us: our lives, our talents, and our possessions.

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Michael Sharp

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn no. 809

*Prayer of thanksgiving

God of mountaintops and valleys, whether our vision of you is clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. **Amen.**

Prayers of the people

Sending

*Hymn no. 452

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

LEMMEL

Charge and blessing

Christ has been revealed to us that we might follow him and transform the world. Go in love; work in peace.

May the self-revealing God be a lamp on your way as the day dawns and rises within you.

Postlude

Shine, Jesus, Shine

arr. Graham Kendrick

**Please stand as you are able*

†Gluten-free communion bread available

Announcements

Record from last week (02/12/23)

Attendance • 49

Offering • \$2,268

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	Ash Wednesday service (sanctuary)

Upcoming events

Sunday, 2/26	Girl Scout Sunday , J.J. White Girl Scouts; led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 3/5	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 3/12	Led by the Rev. Jill Buckley
Sunday, 3/19	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 3/26	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson

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.

Funeral for Pat Randall

The funeral arrangements for Pat Randall, who died this past week, will take place this Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday service

Please join us in worship this Wednesday at 5:30 PM to celebrate Ash Wednesday. The Rev. Chris Richardson will lead the service.

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

But since you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you – see that you also excel in this grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7). Your submitted pledge cards greatly help the church plan the year's budget. Please speak with Dennis Ross, 2023 Stewardship chairman, with any questions or concerns.

Meals for the hungry

J.J. White coordinates a program to provide meals to the hungry in our community. The participating churches are J.J. White Memorial, Centenary, and the Church of the Mediator. Please contact Melisa DeCoux, program director, if you can help.

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 Lee Williams in honor of ____.

Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings is: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 and 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9. Why does Jesus instruct the disciples to keep quiet about what they had seen "until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9)? How does that fit in with Ash Wednesday, which we will celebrate this week, and with the upcoming Easter worship? How does fit in with your daily life throughout the year?

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