



# J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2023 • 10:30 AM

### Gathering

#### Welcome and announcements

*Whitney Rawlings*

#### Prelude

*Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

*arr. Anna Laura Page*

#### Introit

*Hallelujah! What a Savior*

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

#### \*Call to worship

O come, let us worship and bow down;  
**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**  
The hour is coming and is now here.  
**In spirit and truth, let us worship God.**

#### \*Hymn no. 555

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

MORE LOVE TO THEE

#### Call to confession

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

#### Prayer of confession

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation.**

**Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, o Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.**

#### Declaration of forgiveness

Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

### The Word

#### Anthem

*You Renew My Soul*

*Ruth Elaine Schram*

#### Prayer for illumination

Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. **Amen.**

#### Scriptures: *John 4:5-52*

#### Sermon

*Who Would Go to that Party?*

*the Reverend Jill Buckley*

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

*Hymnal, p. 14*

#### \*Gloria Patri

*Glory Be to the Father*

*Hymn no. 805*

#### \*Hymn no. 531

*O Love That Will not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

#### Invitation to offering

See how the fields are ripe for harvest! Already, God is gathering fruit for eternal life. With rejoicing, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

#### Offertory

*Lead Me to Calvary*

*arr. Dan Forrest*

#### \*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Hymn no. 809*

#### \*Prayer of thanksgiving

O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

### Sending

#### \*Hymn no. 736 (verses 1 & 4)

*Rescue the Perishing*

RESCUE

#### Charge and blessing

The hour is coming and is now here. Go forth to worship the Lord your God in spirit and in truth, in all that you say and do.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, springing up like living water, fill your heart, and flow through your life.

#### Postlude

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## Announcements

**Record from last week (03/05/23)** Attendance • 53

Offering • \$15,982

### This week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Monday	5:30 PM	Pastor Nominating Committee
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Presbyterian Women (lessons 6 & 7, Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

### Upcoming events

Sunday, 3/19	<b>Communion</b> , Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; <b>Session</b> meeting
Sunday, 3/26	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 4/2	<b>Palm Sunday</b> , led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Thursday, 4/6	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> (with <b>Communion</b> ), led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Friday, 4/7	<b>Good Friday</b> at Centenary United Methodist Church
Sunday, 4/9	<b>Easter</b> (with <b>Communion</b> ), led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 4/16	Led by the Rev. Joe Pack Arnold

### 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 Jill Buckley

The Rev. Jill Barnes Buckley is currently the Executive Director of Stewpot Community Services in Jackson, MS. (Stewpot is a ministry started over 40 years ago by Jackson congregations to help feed, clothe, and shelter their neighbors in need.) A graduate of Boston University School of Theology, Jill was ordained by Northminster Baptist Church in 2008 and served that congregation for 12 years as their Associate Pastor for Community Ministry. Jill lives in Jackson with her husband, Paul, who is a schoolteacher, and their son, Benjamin, who is 10 years old. Welcome, Rev. Buckley!

### 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

**Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God (2 Corinthians 9:10-11).** Thank you to all who have already submitted 2023 pledge cards, greatly helping the church plan the year's budget. Please speak with Dennis Ross, 2023 Stewardship chairman, with any questions or concerns.

### 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 Glenn and Jennifer Sanders in honor of the J.J. White Sanctuary Choir.

### Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings is: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-52. As you read the passage from John, think about the meaning of water – its symbolic qualities, its presence in nature, and its use in human life. How is Jesus like water? What are the things that are most necessary in your life? Where do you get them? Contribute to or participate in a service project that provides clean water (or some other necessity of life) to people in need. As you do so, make a commitment to pray for all the providers and recipients of this service.

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