



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Prelude

Introit

Ah, Lord Jesus!
Hallelujah! What a Savior

Whitney Rawlings
arr. Gilbert M. Martin
HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

*Call to worship

O mortal, can these bones live?

Only the Lord knows.

O people, hope in the Lord.

With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

*Hymn no. 226

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Call to confession

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of confession

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could love, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor.

And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

Declaration of forgiveness

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the race of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

The Word

Anthem

Medley of the Cross arr. A.L. Page and J.A. Shafferman
The Old Rugged Cross / Jesus Paid it All / Near the Cross

Prayer for illumination

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Scriptures: John 11:1-45

Sermon

A Savior Who Weeps 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. 213

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

Invitation to offering

Without the breath of God, we are dry bones, and without the Word of God, we are dust. With gratitude, let us offer our lives to the Lord of all life.

Offertory

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

arr. David Schwoebel

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn no. 809

*Prayer of thanksgiving

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn no. 211 (verses 1 & 4)

Lead Me to Calvary

DUNCANNON

Charge and blessing

Arise, dry bones, and live! Come out, Lazarus, and give glory to God!

May the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, bless and keep you in this life and the life to come.

*Please stand as you are able

Announcements

Record from last week (03/19/23) Attendance • 40

Offering • \$3,191

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)

Upcoming events

Sunday, 4/2	Palm Sunday , led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Thursday, 4/6	5:30 PM, Maundy Thursday (with Communion) , led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Friday, 4/7	6:00 PM, Good Friday at Centenary United Methodist Church
Sunday, 4/9	Easter (with Communion) , led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Tuesday, 4/11	Presbyterian Women (lesson 8, Sabbath and Justice)
Sunday, 4/16	Led by the Rev. Joe Pack Arnold
Sunday, 4/23	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; Session meeting
Sunday, 4/30	Led by the Rev. Dr. John Dudley

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.

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

And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:14-15). Please speak with Dennis Ross, 2023 Stewardship chairman, with any questions or concerns.

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 Georgia Mendonides, joyfully declaring *God Bless America!*

Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings is: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45. Why did Jesus weep in John 11:35? Was it out of compassion for Mary and Martha? Out of love for his friend Lazarus? Out of frustration with the people's lack of understanding or faith? Think about someone in your life who is grieving. Find a way to extend to that person the grace and peace of Christ.

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