

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)



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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. John Innes

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Cassie Alston

Introit *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken* WAYFARING STRANGER

*Call to Worship

We do not live by bread alone, but by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.

Christ is the true bread of heaven. Come, let us worship and give thanks!

Gathering Prayer

Eternal Father, your Son Jesus Christ is the true bread from heaven. Draw us to Christ that we may receive nourishing grace for our journey in this world and know at least the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

***Hymn No. 95** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

Call to Confession *1 Tim. 1:14-15*

The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

2 Cor. 5:17

Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Word

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing setting by R.E. Martin
quoting Bach's Suite No. 1 in G for unaccompanied cello

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, as we hear your gracious Word, make us hungry for Jesus, your holy manna, that we may feed on him, the bread of life. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: *1 Kings 19:4-8*

Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the LORD with me and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.
O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Gospel: *John 6:35, 41-51*

Sermon

Taste and See

Rev. Cassie Alston

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the father. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn No. 805

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

Gloria Patri

*Hymn No. 774

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

WAYFARING STRANGER

The Invitation to the Offering

As Christ loved us and gave himself for us, let us offer ourselves to God.

Offertory

Fill My Cup, Lord

arr. Gene Roberson

*Hymn No. 809

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Receive these gifts, O God. May our lives be a fragrant offering that is pleasing to you, in union with Christ's offering for us. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending

*Hymn No. 641

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

ALL THE WAY

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

O Happy Day That Fixed My Choice

HAPPY DAY

**Please stand as you are able.*

Congregational Meeting *immediately after worship*

Announcements

Welcome to worship!

All who worship here are joyfully welcomed into our midst! To our visitors, we offer a special welcome and invite you to join us again soon. Please fill out the blue card in your pew and place it in the offering plate when passed.

Congregational Meeting today after worship

The purpose of this meeting is to elect members of the Elder Nominating Committee.

Rally Day is next Sunday, August 18!

It's time to kick off a new year in Christian Education! Please come next Sunday, August 18, as we celebrate the beginning of a new church school year and renew our commitment to Christian Education. Sunday worship will celebrate the wisdom of God, and information about Fall opportunities for Christian Education and spiritual formation will be provided. Following worship, you are invited to enjoy cookies and lemonade in the parlor. Let's celebrate a new year of learning and growth!

Let's pray together!

J.J. White Memorial is a praying church, and you are invited to gather with church family and friends for prayer. Beginning the last week of August, small groups will meet regularly to pray. Please indicate your interest in participating in a prayer group by signing the interest indicator on the front pew. You can also email or text Rev. Alston. Let's pray together!

Thank you for your generous support of MICA!

A tremendous thank you to J.J. White members and friends who donated so generously to McComb Interdenominational Care Association (MICA) last Sunday! J.J. White's donations have increased in recent months, providing critical nutrition to hungry individuals and families in Pike County. MICA served 224 people in June and July, and the need is increasing. Fifty-one people were served on Friday and Monday, August 2 and 5. At J.J. White, the first Sunday of each month is Communion and MICA Sunday, when donations are collected and taken to MICA. Let's continue our generous support of this important ministry! Current, critical needs include the following:

Soup

Grits

Soap

Dry beans/peas

Canned tomatoes

Cooking oil

Pork and beans

Tomato sauce

Meat

Record from Last Sunday

Attendance: 45

Offering: \$5,549.00

Upcoming Events at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Wednesday, 8/14	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, 8/15	5:00 – 7:00 PM	Nutty Knitters (Ewell Martin Room)
Sunday, 8/18	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship: RALLY DAY!
Sunday, 8/25	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship: Prayer Focus Sunday

The Session

Rev. Cassie Alston, moderator

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Melisa DeCoux <i>Christian Education</i>	Tommy Brock <i>Property</i>	Sam Daniel <i>Fellowship & Evangelism</i>
Suzi Drummond <i>Government</i>	Linda Miller <i>Congregational Care</i>	Robbie DeCoux <i>Missions</i>
Whitney Rawlings <i>Worship</i>	Noggin Wild <i>Clerk of Session</i>	Sarah Ross <i>Finance & Stewardship</i>

Questions for Reflection

What do you hunger for in life? Do you hunger only for things you truly need, or do you hunger for things you want but which may not be good for you or for those around you?

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, as I break the fast of evening rest, give me an appetite for your good gifts. Let my hunger be satisfied with the nourishing bread of life you offer in Jesus Christ, that I may receive strength for the journey this day holds.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord Christ, you are the bread that has sustained me. Let me rest in peace, trusting that the grace you have given me for this day will be renewed like manna in the wilderness, nourishment for the challenge of tomorrow and confirmation of the promise of eternal life.

Long, Kimberly Bracken, ed. *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year B, vol. 1.* Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014, p. 120-121.

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by Martha and Spike Simmons in memory of Gaye Simmons Starnes and Mark Middleton Simmons.

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Sundays

Breakfast: 9:00 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM

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