

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)



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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Near to the Heart of God* arr. Bill Wolaver

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Cassie Alston

Introit *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* CHILDREN PRAYING

Call to Worship

I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's 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 all my troubles.
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!
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. Let us praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

O God, graciously hear us, for we seek you alone. Deliver us from our fears and terrors, quiet us with the peace that passes understanding, and let us taste your goodness, which makes us radiant with joy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***Hymn No. 77**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Confession

Ps. 111:4, 5

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Holy and Merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Living God hears our cry and forgives our sin! The Lord God is a sun and shield, bestowing favor and honor on us through Christ the bread from heaven, who brings us back to God and feeds us with his strength. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Word

Anthem

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Jenifer Cook

Prayer for Illumination

Lord Jesus Christ, as we hear the reading of Holy Scripture, speak to us your words of spirit and life. **Amen.**

Scripture: *Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69*

Sermon

Praying in the Spirit

Rev. Cassie Alston

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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. 621**

I Must Tell Jesus

ORWIGSBURG

The Invitation to the Offering

Our heavenly Father has bestowed us with favor and honor through Christ, who has given us the words of eternal life. From this fullness, let us now offer our gifts and our lives to God.

Offertory

The Lord’s Prayer

arr. Benjamin Harlan

***Hymn No. 809**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Doxology

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Living God, we give you thanks for Christ, the bread from heaven, through whom we offer these gifts. Endow these offerings with your power, that they may express your steadfast love and impart your sustaining strength to all those in need. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

... Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

...

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. 622

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Be Strong in the Lord

FETTKE

**Please stand as you are able.*

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.

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. If you are interested in gathering regularly with a small group for prayer, please come to an initial meeting on Sunday, September 15, at 5:00 PM at Rev. Cassie and Sheldon Alston's home. Let's pray together!

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday and MICA Sunday!

September 1, the first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion) and collect donations for the food pantry at McComb Interdenominational Care Association (MICA). MICA provides critical nutrition to hungry individuals and families in Pike County. As we are fed at the Lord's Table, we are sent to feed others. Please give generously to MICA next Sunday! Current, critical needs include the following:

Soup	Grits	Soap
Dry beans/peas	Canned tomatoes	Cooking oil
Pork and beans	Tomato sauce	Meat

Thursday morning Bible study begins September 5th.

Thursday morning Bible study begins on September 5th, and you are invited! Please join us on Thursdays at 10:30 AM in the Ewell Martin Room as we read and discuss God's word to us in Scripture. On September 5, we will begin our walk through the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome!

Record from Last Sunday *Attendance: 81* Offering: \$3,024.00

Upcoming Events at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Wednesday, 8/28	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, 8/29	5:00 PM	Nutty Knitters (Ewell Martin Room)
Sunday, 9/1	10:30 AM	Worship: Communion and MICA Sunday Celebration of Eileen Cato's 105th birthday!

The Session

Rev. Cassie Alston, moderator

Class of 2024

Melisa DeCoux
Christian Education

Suzi Drummond
Government

Whitney Rawlings
Worship

Class of 2025

Tommy Brock
Property

Linda Miller
Congregational Care

Noggin Wild
Clerk of Session

Class of 2026

Sam Daniel
Fellowship & Evangelism

Robbie DeCoux
Missions

Sarah Ross
Finance & Stewardship

Questions for Reflection

In the Gospel of John, Peter declares to Jesus, “You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” (John6: 68-69) Are “believing” and “knowing” the same action? How does knowing something intensify our believing something?

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, give me strength for this day. Let your truth surround me, your righteousness defend me, your gospel guide me, your trustworthiness shield me, and your salvation protect me, that in every trial I may stand by the power of your Spirit and live by your holy Word. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, as the day ends and the night begins, be near the brokenhearted, save the crushed in spirit, and redeem the life of your servants. You are our shield by day. Be our refuge by night so that we may rest in the confidence of your grace through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Long, Kimberly Bracken, ed. *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year B, vol. 1.* Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014, p. 139-140)

Sanctuary Flowers

Today’s sanctuary flowers are given by June Hart in memory of her husband, Barry Hart.

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Sundays

Breakfast: 9:00 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM

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