

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)



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Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 13, 2024 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Here Is Here

Kirk Talley

Welcome and Announcements

Whitney Rawlings

Introit

Come Down, Lord

Mark 10:17, 27

Call to Worship

How can a mortal receive eternal life?

For God all things are possible.

Opening Prayer

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you do not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Hymn No. 566**

Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord

LANGLEY

Call to Confession

Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. 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

Ps. 103:17

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Word

Anthem

There's Something about That Name Bill and Gloria Gaither

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 20:1-3*

Epistle Lesson: *Ephesians 2:1-10*

Gospel Lesson: *John 15:12-17*

Sermon

Grace Comes First Rev. Dr. John Dudley

*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. 569

Living for Jesus a Life That Is True

LIVING

The Invitation to the Offering

Freely you have received, freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Offertory

Written in Red, Because He Lives

Jensen; Gaither

*Hymn No. 809

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **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. 576

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

He Touched Me

Ira Stanphill

**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.

Welcome to the Rev. Dr. John Dudley

We extend a warm welcome to the Rev. Dr. John Dudley! Rev. Dudley has served as a Presbyterian minister for fifty-two years. For the past forty-eight years he has carried out his ministry as a member of the Presbytery of Mississippi. In addition to his work as a pastor, he has taught mathematics at the University of Southern Mississippi for many years. John and his wife Cathy live in Hattiesburg and have celebrated 57 years of marriage.

Thank you to Nancy Ables

We extend a joyful thank you to our “guest” pianist Nancy Ables! Nancy and her husband Harrell Ables are faithful members of our congregation. We appreciate their dedication to J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian and to the music ministry of this congregation.

Shoe Collection

Do you have new or gently used shoes you don't wear? J.J. White is supporting a local effort to provide shoes to people in need in developing countries. A collection box is located in the front of the sanctuary. Thank you for donating!

Tuesday Meals for the Hungry

The Missions Committee needs your help feeding the hungry! Beginning in November and lasting through February, J.J. White will provide Tuesday evening meals for people in need. We do this in conjunction with Centenary Methodist and the Episcopal church. J.J. White is responsible for one meal a month plus any fifth Tuesdays. We prepare about 45 simple meals, such as spaghetti or chili, along with bread and a small dessert. The other churches bring their food here, and all meals are served from J.J. White. If you are interested in cooking or helping serve, please contact Robbie DeCoux.

Visiting Teams

The Mission Committee is starting a “visitation team” composed of people interested in scheduled visitation of ill or homebound individuals not only from J.J. White but throughout the community. If you are interested in serving as part of this new ministry, please sign the interest indicator on the front pew.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday morning Bible study will not meet this week but will resume next week, on October 24. Please join us at 10:30 AM in the Ewell Martin Room as we read and discuss God's word to us in Scripture. We are studying The Gospel of Luke. All are welcome!

Let's pray together!

You are invited to gather with church family and friends for prayer. Two prayer groups will meet weekly, and gatherings will last no more than an hour. Please come to the gathering that fits your schedule, and let's go to God in prayer.

Sundays at 5:00 PM at the home of Nancy and Harrell Ables (1503 Vermont Ave.)

Thursdays at 9:00 AM at the home of Suzi and John Drummond (919 N. James St.)

Record from Last Sunday

Attendance: 65

Offering: \$6,670.00

Upcoming Events

Today, 10/13	5:00 PM	Prayer Group (1503 Vermont Ave.)
Wednesday, 10/16	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, 10/17	9:00 AM	Prayer Group (919 N. James St.)
	5:00 PM	Knutty Knitters (Ewell Martin Room)
Sunday, 10/20	9:00 AM	Breakfast (Ewell Martin Room)
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship

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 can you do to seek God's wisdom? How can you be a better servant?

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God, keep me humble throughout the day. Help me to seek your wisdom as I stand in service to others. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, thank you for keeping me today. Thank you for the awesome works you have blessed my eyes to see. Continue to bless my community and me throughout the night. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

(Long, Kimberly Bracken, ed. *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year B*, vol. 2. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014, p. 210-211)

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Jane and all our seventy-five anniversaries by Whit Whittington.

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Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM

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