

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)



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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* arr. Lee Dengler

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Cassie Alston

Introit *With All My Heart* Benjamin Harlan

***Call to Worship** *Isa. 6:3; Luke 5:1,10*

In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.

We respond with our whole heart,

singing God's praise and giving thanks.

***Hymn No. 5** *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

***Gathering Prayer**

Holy One, earth and heaven reverberate with your glory, and humans and angels alike sing your praises. Open our minds to your breathtaking work in the world, even as you call us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

Call to Confession *Ps. 138:2*

Let us turn to the most Holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

Prayer of Confession

God of the universe and Creator of all that is, we admit that we fail to be honest about our lives. Sometimes we are deceitful; other times we judge ourselves harshly and feel unworthy of your call on our lives. Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear, that we may arise with renewed spirits to serve you, our true Sovereign. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The promise is this: God is faithful and steadfast, eager to forgive our sin and welcome us home. Friends, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Summary of the Law

Matt. 22:37-40

Our Lord Jesus said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the first and greatest commandment. And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Word

Anthem

Lord, Here Am I

arr. John Ness Beck

Prayer for Illumination

O God most high, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear your call and follow you. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 6:1-8*

New Testament Reading: *Luke 5:1-11*

Sermon

Let Down Your Nets

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. 576

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

(vv. 1-2, 4)

The Invitation to the Offering

Luke 5:4, 7

We are invited to cast our nets into God's abundance and to share what we have received with others. As we give our tithes and offerings today, we put our trust in the one who has called us to follow him: Jesus Christ our Lord, the great Fisher of people.

Offertory

Take My Life and Let It Be

arr. Greg Howlett

*Hymn No. 809

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy One, we give thanks for your grace and generosity to us. Bless these gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us and for your eternal glory. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's 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. 747

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Phillip Keveren

**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.

Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon is today!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall today following worship for the annual Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon! We'll have fun and fellowship and tackle hunger!

Baptism of Rebecca Elizabeth Macloud

Please join us in worship next Sunday, February 16, when we will joyfully celebrate the baptism of Rebecca Macloud, child of Margaret Ann and Brandon Macloud. Baptism is the sign and seal of our incorporation into Jesus Christ, and the Sacrament of Baptism holds a deep reservoir of theological meaning, including dying and rising with Christ;

pardon, cleansing, and renewal; the gift of the Holy Spirit; incorporation into the body of Christ; and a sign of the realm of God. The Reformed tradition also understands baptism to be a sign of God's covenant. Please be in prayer for Rebecca and her family as we prepare to welcome Rebecca as a child of the covenant!

Tuesday Meals for the Hungry

The Missions Committee needs your help feeding the hungry! November - February, J.J. White will provide Tuesday evening meals for people in need, together 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.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Please join us at 10:30 AM on Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall as we read and discuss the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome!

Prayer Groups

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

Wednesdays at 4:00 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.)

New Church Directories Coming Soon!

Thank you to Suzi Drummond for her work updating our church directory. Please help out by checking to see that your information is correct in the directories placed at the sanctuary entrances. Please write in any changes or make a check or smiley face by your information if it is correct. Thank you!

New Youth Sunday School and Confirmation Class

All middle and high school-aged youth are invited to a new, 12-week Sunday school study! We'll meet Sundays from 9:15-10:00 AM. The class will be led by Rev. Alston and volunteers from the congregation and will prepare those who wish to make a public

profession of faith to be Confirmed in May. All youth, including those already Confirmed, are invited and encouraged to participate! “Drop-ins” are welcome!

Record from Last Sunday Attendance: 67 Offering: \$4,316.00

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 2/11	11:30 AM	Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	4:00 PM	Tuesday Night Meals for the Hungry
Wednesday, 2/12	7:15 AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	4:00 PM	Prayer Group (1503 Vermont Ave.)
Thursday, 2/13	9:00 AM	Prayer Group (919 N. James St.)
	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 PM	Knutty Knitters (Ewell Martin Room)
Sunday, 2/16	9:00 AM	Breakfast (Ewell Martin Room)
	9:15 AM	Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship: Baptism of Rebecca Macloud

The Session

Rev. Cassie Alston, moderator

Class of 2025

Tommy Brock
Property

Linda Miller
Congregational Care

Noggin Wild
Clerk of Session

Class of 2026

Sam Daniel
Finance & Stewardship

Robbie DeCoux
Missions

Sarah Ross
Government

Class of 2027

Harrell Ables
Christian Ed. & Evangelism

Susan White
Fellowship

Lee Williams
Worship

Questions For Reflection

The disciples had already fished all night without catching anything. Why do you think Peter was willing to “give it another try” when Jesus told him to cast his net yet again? What helps you to keep trying, to start again, after disappointment or even failure?

Household Prayer: Morning

Isa. 6:3, 8; Ps. 138:3

God, I give you thanks this morning as I watch the beauty of the morning light, listen to the first stirrings of a new day in nature, and ponder the miracle of my own breathing and your presence in it all. Holy, Holy, Holy! Increase my strength of soul today. And when I see a need, help me to respond, “Send me!” Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Luke 5:8, 10

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day. Like the fisher folk who became disciples, I have put in a day of work. As evening comes, it is time to rest. If, as I review my day, I am tempted to say, “I am not worthy of your presence, God,” reassure me with the calming words of Jesus, “Do not be afraid; come follow me.” Amen.

Worship Greeters

Thank you to today’s worship greeters India Warshauer and Brad Woods.

Sanctuary Flowers

Today’s sanctuary flowers are given by Wayne Hutchinson in memory of Christine Hutchison.

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