

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)



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J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

With All My Heart

arr. Benjamin Harlan

***Call to Worship**

Rev. 7:17

The Lamb of God will be our shepherd;
he will guide us to the water of life.

***Hymn No. 353 (vv. 1-5)**

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

***Opening Prayer**

Loving God, we are your people, the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters and teach us the way of righteousness. Feed us by your word and at your table; through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. **Amen.**

Call to Confession

God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sin against God and neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own

hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Isa. 43:1, 19

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Summary of the Law

John 13:34

Hear the teaching of Christ:

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Word

Anthem

The King of Love, My Shepherd arr. Mark Schweizer
after J.S. Bach's *Prelude 1 in C Major*

Prayer for Illumination

Shepherd of Souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may dwell ever more deeply in you. **Amen.**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Scripture: *Acts 9:36-43; John 10:22-30*

Sermon

Safe in the Shepherd's Hands

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. 522

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

The Invitation to the Offering

Ps. 23:1

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” Trusting in divine care, let us present our tithes and offerings to God, who restores our lives eternally.

Offertory

Gentle Shepherd

arr. Jay Rouse

*Hymn No. 809

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness; your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... O Risen Christ,
Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

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. 229

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Kathryn Carpenter

**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 in the offering plate when passed.

Happy Mother's Day!

Today we honor and give thanks for mothers! We offer a prayer of gratitude: Holy God, we thank you for the gift of mothers. We celebrate the love of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love. May they feel deeply honored and appreciated not just today, but every day. Thank you for mothers who are no longer with us in this life, for their love and care, and for cherished memories. We give you thanks and praise that they and we will live together with you in eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cookout on the Green

The fellowship committee is hosting a cookout on Wednesday, May 14, at 5:00 on the green space across from the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs. Please plan to bring a side dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet is on the front pew, or you can call the church office. We will have fun activities for young and old (cornhole toss, badminton and croquet)! Also, plan to bring a lawn chair, and bring a friend. Hope to see you there!

Baby Bottle Boomerang

You are invited to participate in the Baby Bottle Boomerang benefitting the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Southwest Mississippi. "Mommy and Me," one of the center's programs, is a series of parenting classes for women who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy. The women earn "Baby Bucks" for attending parenting classes and completing homework. They can use their "Baby Bucks" to purchase items that have been donated to the Baby Boutique. If you would like to support the center, please take an empty baby bottle home today, fill it with change, bills, or checks, and return it to the church on Father's Day. Thank you!

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!

Record from last Sunday

Attendance: 64

Offering: \$2,973.00

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 5/13	11:30 AM	PW/Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, 5/14	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	4:00 PM	Prayer Group (1503 Vermont Ave.)
	5:00 PM	Cookout on the Green (outside of Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, 5/15	9:00 AM	Prayer Group (919 N. James)
	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 PM	Knutty Knitters (Ewell Martin Room)
Sunday, 5/18	9:00 AM	Breakfast (Ewell Martin Room)
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship: Reception of New Member

The Session

<i>Rev. Cassie Alston, moderator</i>		
Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Tommy Brock <i>Property</i>	Sam Daniel <i>Finance & Stewardship</i>	Harrell Ables <i>Christian Ed. & Evangelism</i>
Linda Miller <i>Congregational Care</i>	Robbie DeCoux <i>Missions</i>	Susan White <i>Fellowship</i>
Noggin Wild <i>Clerk of Session</i>	Sarah Ross <i>Government</i>	Lee Williams <i>Worship</i>

Questions for Reflection:

Psalm 23 affirms that God supplies our every need. How do our lives change when we trust this great promise of God?

Household Prayer: Morning

Good Shepherd, walk beside me this day, and lead me in right paths for your name's sake. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

O Shepherd of all, you have brought us to the close of another day; for this gift and the blessings we now name, we give you thanks... All that we have and all that we are come from you; and so, trusting in the goodness of your divine care, let us lie down this night in peace, that tomorrow we may rise to greet you in resurrection joy. Amen.

Worship Greeters

Thank you to today's worship greeters Joanna and Nicky Barr, Greta James and Ridge.

Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers are given by Maxine Brock in honor of all mothers on Mother's Day.

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