

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude

To God Be the Glory

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Lee Williams

Introit

With All My Heart

arr. Benjamin Harlan

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Chris Richardson: *Acts 16:10,14*

God calls us to proclaim the good news.

Let us open our hearts to hear God's word.

***Hymn No. 669**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

***Opening Prayer**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

2 Cor. 5:17

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **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 greatest and first 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

I’ve Got Peace Like a River

Traditional

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.**

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Sermon

Holy Plans

Rev. Chris Richardson

*Hymn No. 805

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

Gloria Patri

*Hymn No. 539

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

The Invitation to the Offering

Ps. 24:1

The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Offertory

O Store Gud (O Great God)
inspired by Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 2

arr. Faye Lopez

*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

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. 687

Shall We Gather at the River?

HANSON PLACE

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude Go, My Children, With My Blessing Jaroslav J. Vajda

*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.

Welcome, Rev. Chris Richardson!

Rev. Richardson works part-time as a chaplain for Arden Ministries and is an elder in full connection in the United Methodist Church. Rev. Richardson is a graduate of Duke Divinity School. She is married to her husband, Dr. Kevin Richardson. They have three children: Colin, Brooke, and Emma.

Communion and MICA Collection Sunday

Next Sunday, June 1, we will celebrate 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. From the Lord’s Table, we are sent to feed others as we have been fed. Please give generously to MICA next Sunday!

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: 57 Offering: \$2,389..00

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 5/28	7:15 AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	4:00 PM	Prayer Group (church office)
Thursday, 5/30	9:00 AM	Prayer Group (919 N. James)
	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 PM	Knutty Knitters (Ewell Martin Room)
Sunday, 6/1	9:00 AM	Breakfast (Ewell Martin Room)
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship: Ascension Sunday, Communion, MICA

The Session

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

Questions for Reflection:

When Lydia hears the gospel, she becomes the first Christian in Europe. Led by the Spirit, Lydia's faith is decisive, and her witness is immediate. The word opens her heart in love, and she opens her house in hospitality in service of the gospel. How might Lydia's witness excite your sense of ministry and mission this day? Where might you find someone searching for God's word?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy Spirit, enliven in us a faith and witness like Lydia's, that thorough deepened prayer we might rise to action in service of the gospel. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, it is night and the time for rest has come. We have served you in love this day and for this we give you thanks. Do not leave us comfortless but send your Spirit to abide with us as we trust in you this night. Amen.

Worship Greeters

Thank you to today's worship greeters Elise and John Paul Reeves, Jack and Collins.

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Marie Naklie and Kay Naklie Reinert in memory of their mother Loreice Naklie.

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Sundays

Breakfast: 9:00 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM

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