



J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 4, 2024 * 10:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude *The Church's One Foundation* arr. Cindy Berry
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Cassie Alston
Introit *Come Down, Lord* Stan Pethel
Call to Worship *John 6:34-35*

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

Give us this bread always.

Gathering Prayer *Ps. 78:25; Eph. 4:13*
Giver of life, every day you rain down manna from heaven so that we can eat the bread of angels. Turn our complaints into gratitude, that we, as a church, may mature into the body of the risen Christ given for the life of the world. **Amen.**

***Hymn No. 802 (vv. 1, 4)** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA

Call to Confession 1 Tim. 1:14-15

The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ who came into the world to save sinners. 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 promise of our faith is that whoever turns to Jesus Christ will never hunger for forgiveness and that which gives life to the world. That is a promise of joy and peace. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

Word

Prayer for Illumination *John 6:33*

Holy God, may the reading of your Word be for us the bread you send from heaven, bread that gives life to the world. **Amen.**

Scripture: *Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; John 6:24-35*

Sermon: *Bread of Life* Rev. Cassie Alston

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal, p. 14

***Hymn No. 805 (Gloria Patri)** *Glory Be to the Father* GREATOREX

***Hymn No. 568** *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* HENDON

+The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation to the Offering

Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Offertory *Here, At Your Table, Lord* arr. Mark Hayes

***Hymn No. 809 (Doxology)** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDRETH

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** *Rom. 6:13*

Loving God, as you fed your people in the wilderness, use our gifts, times, and talents as the manna to meet the hungers of the world in which we live. For Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Backpacks and Prayers of the People

Sending

***Hymn No. 840** *God Be With You* GOD BE WITH YOU

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* James Ellor

*Please stand as you are able.

+Gluten-free bread is available.

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.

Congregational Meeting Following Worship on Sunday, August 11, at 11:30 a.m.

The Session of J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, August 11, at 11:30 a.m., immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing members of the Elder Nominating Committee. Sample ballots are available at the sanctuary entrances so that you may prayerfully consider your vote. The Elder Nominating Committee will develop a proposed slate of nominees for Elder.

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. Beginning in August, small groups will meet regularly to pray. Please indicate your interest in participating in a prayer group by signing the interest indicator on the front pew. You can also email or text Rev. Alston. Let's pray together!

Rally Day is Sunday, August 18!

August 18 is Rally Day! Join us as we give thanks and praise to God and renew our commitment to Christian Education and spiritual formation.

Record from Last Sunday

Attendance: 67

Offering: \$6462.00

Upcoming Events at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Wednesday, 8/7	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, 8/8	5:00-7:00 PM	Nutty Knitters (Ewell Martin Room)
Sunday, 8/11	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting
Sunday, 8/18	10:30 AM	Worship
		Rally Day!

Questions for Reflection:

In John 6:26-27, Jesus says that people were looking for him not because they saw signs but because they had eaten their fill of the bread he had multiplied. What do you think he meant? What is the "food that endures for eternal life"?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, as I move through this new day, I pray that you will keep me in union with the faith and knowledge of Jesus. I long to mature into the stature of Christ. Help me to speak the truth in love today, that I may grow into him, my savior, my teacher, and my friend, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for being my traveling companion today. Instead of counting sheep as I fall asleep tonight, help me to count all the forms that your manna took as you fed me with the bread of life today. Good night, God. I love you. Amen.

(Long, Kimberly Bracken, ed. *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year B, vol. 1*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014, p. 120-121.)

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers today are given in loving memory of Dr. Ralph L. Brock by his daughters Brenda and Nancy(Kellie), grandchildren Andrew(Liz), Nolan(Soly), and Hannah(Guillaume) and great grandchildren Vivianne, Marlon, Neve, and Linden.

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