



J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024 * 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Cassie Alston

Prelude

What Wondrous Love Is This?

arr. Jay Rouse

Introit

Wondrous Love

arr. Arlen Clarke

Call to Worship

People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God.

*Hymn No. 502

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITIAN

Call to Confession

God's bow has been hung in the clouds- a unilateral disarmament in spite of our sin. God remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love, even when we are unfaithful. Without fear, then, we confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other those you set before us.

Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood onto dry ground, so in baptismal waters we are brought from death into new life in Christ. Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and on earth. Thanks be to God for this good news!

The Word

Anthem

Lonesome Valley/We Shall Walk

arr. Tyler Mabry and Victoria

Schwartz

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry wilderness, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news among us today so that we repent and believe and see anew how the time is fulfilled and the kingdom has come near; in Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

Scripture: *Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15*

Sermon

"Good News"

Cassie Alston

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

*Hymn No. 805 (Gloria Patri)

Glory Be To The Father

GREATOREX

*Hymn No. 531

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

The Invitation to the Offering

Because we believe that in Jesus Christ, God's time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near, we respond in tangible ways. By doing acts of justice and compassion and by sharing our resources, we bear witness to the good news of the gospel. The offering is received in gratitude to God.

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Michael Sharp

*Hymn No. 809 (Doxology)

Praise God From Whom All Blessings

OLD

HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation. We pray in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Charge and Benediction

As Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, so we will spend forty days in this season of Lent. Consider, children of the covenant, the faithfulness of God, and what it means to be baptized into Christ. Live each day proclaiming the good news, in word and deed, that God is with us and the kingdom is near.

May the God of covenant faithfulness enfold you; the beloved son encourage you; and the Holy Spirit descend upon you in blessing; this day and forever.

Postlude

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

arr. Carol

Tornquist

*Please stand as you are able

Announcements

Record from last Sunday

Attendance: 64

Offering \$8329

This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian

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| Tuesday, 2/20 | 5:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| Wednesday, 2/21 | 7:15 AM | Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) |

Property Committee Church-Wide Workday is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 8:00 AM. Working on our grounds. All are invited to participate.

Upcoming Worship Events

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| Sunday, 2/25 | 10:30 AM | Cassie Alston |
| Sunday, 2/25 | 4:00 PM | Service of Ordination/Installation |


Welcome to Worship!

All who worship here are joyfully welcomed into our midst! To our visitors, we offer a special hand of fellowship 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.

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| Cassie Alston – Moderator | Watkins “Noggin Wild – Clerk | Wayne Hutchison – Treasurer |
| Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 | Class of 2026 |
| Melisa Decoux | Tommy Brock | Sarah Ross |
| Suzi Drummond | Linda Miller | Dr. Robbie Decoux |
| Whitney Rawlings | Watkins “Noggin’ Wild | Sam Daniel |

Sanctuary Flowers: The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Mrs. Eileen Cato and Mr. and Mrs. James Cato in memory of Joseph Cato.

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)
invites you to
the Ordination and Installation of
Cassandra Phillips Alston
as Minister of the Word and Sacrament



Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.
in the Sanctuary of J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
110 Third Street McComb, MS

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall