



J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 28, 2024 * 10:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Lord, Be Glorified* arr. Mark Hayes
Welcome and Announcements Elder Whitney Rawlings
Introit *Come Down, Lord* Stan Pethel
Call to Worship *Ps. 145:10-12*

Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

And we, your faithful, bless you.

We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

Gathering Prayer

Generous God, you give us what we need and satisfy our desires in due season. Grant that our inner beings may be strengthened through your Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, that you may accomplish within us far more than we ask or can imagine. **Amen.**

***Hymn No. 20** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ODE TO JOY
Call to Confession *Ps. 145:17-18*

Let us confess to our God, for the Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Prayer of Confession *Ps. 145:14, 16*

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore, we confess our sins – both things we have done and things we have left undone – in every confidence that your will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness *Eph. 3:16-19*

Dearly beloved, through the power of the Spirit that is at work within us, God forgives our sins and strengthens our inner beings. So now live knowing the love of Christ, which surpasses all knowledge and fills us with the fullness of God.

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, may this your Word give us power to comprehend, with all the saints, the length and width, the height and depth of the love of Christ and fullness of life in you.
Amen

Scripture: *John 6:1-21*
Sermon: *Green Grass?* Reverend Chris Richardson

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

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

***Hymn No. 635** *He Leadeth Me* HE LEADETH ME

The Invitation to the Offering *John 6:11*

Because a little boy shared his bread and fish, a multitude ate. Let us share what has been given to us.

Offertory *The Gift of Love* arr. Brandt Adams

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We rejoice with thanksgiving for all we have received. Multiply these gifts that we give so that the world may more deeply know fullness of life in you. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

***Hymn No. 537** *Lord, Be Glorified* GLORIFIED

***Charge and Benediction**

Go now, rooted and grounded in love, to make known to all people the mighty deeds of God! We have been upheld and raised up by our God. May God continue to strengthen your inner being and carry you out into the splendor of God’s kingdom.

Postlude *To God Be the Glory* arr. Carol Tornquist

***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.

Welcome to the Reverend 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.

Welcome and Congratulations, Dixie Youth Baseball 12-year-old State Champions!

Welcome and congratulations to the Dixie Youth Baseball 12-year-old State Champions! ! J.J. White’s own Burke Williams is on the team, and Stephen Williams is a coach. The team will travel to Bossier City, LA, on August 1 to play in the Dixie Youth 12U World Series! We celebrate the All Stars’ success, pray for their safety as they travel and play, and wish them all the best! Go, Team Mississippi!

Congratulations to Margaret Ann and Brandon!

Congratulations to Margaret Ann and Brandon Macloud on the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth Macloud, on July 22, 2024, in New Orleans. We share the joy of baby Rebecca’s family and friends and look forward to meeting her!

Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 4!

It’s back-to-school time! Next Sunday, August 4, students and teachers are invited to bring their school backpacks, book bags, or totes to worship for a Blessing of the Backpacks. During the service, we will offer special prayers for God’s protection, guidance, and blessing in the new school year.

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.

Record from Last Sunday *Attendance: 69* *Offering: \$3,669.50*

Upcoming Events at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Wednesday, 7/31	7:15 AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, 8/1	5:00-7:00 PM	Nutty Knitters (Ewell Martin Room)
Sunday, 8/4	10:30 AM	Worship: Communion and MICA Collection Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, 8/11	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting

Questions for Reflection:

There is much hunger in the world, and many people live in want. In that context, how do you receive the word of the psalmist who writes, “The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing” (Ps. 145:15-16)?

Sanctuary Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers are given by Vicki and Rusty Brill in celebration of the joys and achievements of our church family. Thanks be to God!

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