



J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 7, 2024 * 10:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i>	arr. Mark Hayes
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Cassie Alston
Introit	<i>Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us</i>	MERBECKE
Call to Worship		

God is mighty in word and deed.

God's mercy is everlasting.

Blessed be the one holy and living God.

Glory to God forever.

Gathering Prayer

God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us courage like you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

***Hymn No. 45** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

Call to Confession

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day. Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful and live as one who has been raised to new life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

Word

Anthem *Amazing Grace* setting by John Ness Beck

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: *Mark 6:1-13*

Sermon *Expectations* 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. 367** *Day By Day* BLOTT EN DAG

+The Sacrament of Holy Communion **Communion Insert**

The Invitation to the Offering

Jesus calls us to travel light as we serve the world, for God is our strength and provision. Let us faithfully return to God the gifts of the earth and our very lives.

Offertory *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* arr. Jay Rouse

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Divine Giver, all that we have is a gift from you, and your grace is sufficient for us. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may increase your blessing to others, through the grace and mercy of God. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Sending

*Hymn No. 622

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

*Charge and Benediction

Go in God's strength to love and serve and witness boldly to the grace of God made known in Jesus Christ. May the blessings of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Postlude

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

WONDERFUL GRACE

*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.

Vacation Bible School: July 17-19, 2024 (5:00-7:30 PM)

Come to Camp Firelight July 17, 18, and 19 for a summer camp adventure with God! Children will enjoy summer camp fun as they explore Bible stories that demonstrate how people trusted God and did great things in God's name. We can do the same! Please contact Melisa DeCoux if you would like to volunteer, and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join in the fun!

Celebration of the Life of Winbourne "Win" Sullivan

A service celebrating the life of Winbourne "Win" Sullivan will be held at Hartman-Jones Funeral Chapel on Thursday, July 18, at 2:30 p.m. with visitation from 12:30-2:30.

Record from Last Sunday

Attendance: 52

Offering: \$1,724.90

Upcoming Events at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Wednesday, 7/10	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, 7/11	5:00-7:00 PM	Nutty Knitters (Ewell Martin Room)
Sunday, 7/14	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Session Meeting (Ewell Martin Room)
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 7/17-19	5:00-7:30 PM	CAMP FIRELIGHT: Vacation Bible School

Questions for Reflection:

Stuff distracts us. Useless clutter we think we cannot live without can be a burden: too many coats, shoes, garden tools, or mismatched kitchen storage containers with no lids in sight.

Perhaps our minds are cluttered from too much Web surfing, social media viewing, or television watching. Do you struggle with too much stuff? Is your mind cluttered? How do Jesus' words about traveling light challenge you to change the way you live? How can you follow him more faithfully today?

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, as this day opens into new and untold possibility, purge me of my compulsive need to carry useless baggage – physically, mentally, or emotionally. Teach me to walk simply with you as I trust in your abundant provision. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, as I come to the close of this day, I thank you for the gift of attentiveness and for every moment that the eye of my heart was fixed on you. When I failed, you were with me, and when I wavered, you were there, for there is no place that you are not. And so I rest in peace this night, for your grace is more than sufficient for me.

(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 sanctuary flowers are given by Debbi and Tommy Brock in appreciation of our Covenant Life Sunday School teacher Suzi Drummond for all the time and effort she takes to make our lessons fun and educational.

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