



J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
June 30, 2024 * 10:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	arr. Tedd Smith
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Cassie Alston
Introit	<i>Come Down, Lord</i>	Stan Pethel

Call to Worship

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

God's mercies are everlasting.

They are new every morning.

Great is God's faithfulness.

Gathering Prayer

God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day, grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Hymn No. 130** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, for God is faithful and loves us eternally.

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

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **Amen.**

Word

Anthem *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* arr. Ronald Turner

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, your Word has the power to restore our lives. Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit, for you are mighty to save. Amen.

Scripture: *Lamentations 3:22-26; Mark 5:21-43*

Sermon *Interruptions* 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. 60** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

The Invitation to the Offering

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 very lives and the gifts of the earth.

Offertory *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Mary McDonald

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

*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. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn No. 418

America, the Beautiful

MATERNA

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*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.

Independence Celebration this Wednesday!

Come for an Independence Day celebration this Wednesday, July 3, at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall! There will be great barbecued brisket, desserts, and a wonderful patriotic salute. Please sign up to bring a dish or a dessert. There are sign up lists in the sanctuary. If you wish for your dessert to be in the contest, please sign up. Music, food, and fellowship will be fun for all!

Communion and MICA Food Collection Next Sunday

Next Sunday, July 7, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion) and collect non-perishable donations for the food pantry at McComb Interdenominational Care Association (MICA). From the Lord's table we are sent to feed others as we are fed. Please give generously to MICA on the first Sunday of each month!

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!

Record from Last Sunday

Attendance: 45

Offering: \$2,330.00

Upcoming Events at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Wednesday, 7/3	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, 7/3	5:30 PM	Independence Day Celebration! (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, 7/4	5:00-7:00 PM	Nutty Knitters (Ewell Martin Room)
Sunday, 7/7	10:30 AM	Worship (Communion) MICA Sunday

Questions for Reflection:

When the woman who suffered a chronic and isolating ailment touched Jesus, he stated that the power had gone out from him. What aspects of your life and ministry empty you of power? How do you discern healthy limits and habits for the care of yourself and others? Which spiritual practices do you find most revitalizing when your energy reserves are depleted? In such times, how does your faith make you whole?

Household Prayer: Morning

Good morning, God. Before this day takes hold of me and I am spread too thin by care, I come to you to sit quietly, for you are good to those who wait for you, to the soul that seeks your peace. Fill me with your life-giving presence; may all that I do this day be done with calm attention, for you are my strength and my peace. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, thank you for helping me become a more generous and attentive person this day. As I let go of all the things done and left undone this day, make me mindful that it is your strength and steadfast loving presence that keeps my faith whole and fills me with a quiet confidence. 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.)

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