



J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024 * 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cassie Alston

Prelude

You Are My All in All

arr. Carol Tornquist

Introit

O How He Loves You and Me

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

*Hymn No. 72 (vv. 1, 3)

To God Be the Glory

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Call to Confession

This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, for people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding the earth's goods. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

The Word

Anthem

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

arr. Ronald Turner

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, open your Word and illumine our darkened world, that we may see you clearly and live faithfully by the light of your truth in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

Sermon

Spring Cleaning

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*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

*Hymn No. 805 (Gloria Patri)

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

*Hymn No. 227, (vv. 1, 4)

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

The Invitation to the Offering

People of God, let us offer our sacrifice of thanksgiving, telling of God's deeds with songs of joy.

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Mary McDonald

*Hymn No. 809 (Doxology)

Praise God from Whom All Blessings

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Merciful God, we thank you for your wonderful works among humankind. Accept this offering with the dedication of our lives and help us be for the world an emblem of your steadfast love, in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn No. 502

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITAIN

Charge and Benediction

Church, we have received immeasurable riches of God's grace, in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Go forth to share this gift with others. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Postlude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. Hal Hopson

*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 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.

Record from last Sunday

Attendance: 62

Offering: \$6,055.00

This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Tuesday, 3/12	11:30 AM	Women's Bible Study, Lesson Seven (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, 3/12	5:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 3/13	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Upcoming Worship Events

Sunday, 3/17	10:30 AM	Fifth Sunday in Lent (Communion) Recognition of Rev. Chris Richardson
Palm Sunday, 3/24	10:30 AM	Liturgy of the Palms Jeremy Threlfall, tenor Oscar Leal, cello
Maundy Thursday, 3/28	6:00 PM	Holy Thursday (Communion)
Good Friday, 3/29	6:00 PM	Good Friday
Easter Sunday, 3/31	10:30 AM	Easter/Resurrection of the Lord Bridget Regan, soprano Jeremy Threlfall, tenor

Upcoming Fellowship Event

Wednesday, 3/20

5:30 PM

Pre-Easter Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)

Session

Rev. 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

Questions for Reflection:

What does the light of God's truth reveal about your life? Are there parts of your life that you want to hide from God? Can you imagine what it would be like to live completely transparent to God's piercing light?

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, draw me to your light, that I may avoid the dangers of sin and receive the freedom of your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord Christ, as shadows of night draw near, sustain me by the light that banishes the fearful claim of death. Help me believe in you with all my heart that I may know the freedom of salvation and at last receive the joy of eternal life. 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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