



J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trinity Sunday
May 26, 2024 * 10:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude *There's Something About That Name* Gaither
Jesus, Name Above All Names Hearn

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Cassie Alston

Introit *O How He Loves You and Me* PATRICIA

Call to Worship

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

the earth is full of the glory of God.

Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit. The way to partake in that dream, says Jesus, is to be born of water and the Spirit. That gift is available this day. May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in divine love. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the maker of all things seen and unseen, the Savior of all both near and far: By your Spirit enable us to worship your divine majesty, so that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying, "Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. **Amen.**"

***Hymn No. 02** *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to the One who gives life eternally.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us to you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather the spirit of adoption. Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out, for you are God's beloved children – forgiven, loved, and free. May God's peace be with you. **Amen.**

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17

Sermon *Heirs* 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. 514** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine* ASSURANCE

The Invitation to the Offering

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that all who love him may have life eternally. With loving hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

Offertory *Near to the Heart of God* McAfee

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit. Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread your blessing in a world of hurt and need; in Christ's name. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

***Hymn No. 72 (v. 1)** *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Whispering Hope* Hawthorne

*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.

Thank you to our pianist!

We extend a grateful and joyful thank-you to our "guest" pianist Nancy Ables. Nancy and her husband, Harrell Ables, are faithful members of our congregation, with Harrell being a member of the Chancel Choir. We appreciate their dedication to the music ministry of J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian.

A Prayer for Memorial Day

Lord God, until there is war no more and you wipe every tear from every eye, we will remember. We will remember those who have served and died for the sake of something greater than themselves. We will remember and give thanks for the men and women who knowingly put themselves in harm's way so that others might be safer. We will remember the families who grieve this day and every day for brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, daughters and sons, friends and spouses, who lost their lives while wearing the uniforms of our country.

Lord God, until you beat swords into plowshares and the ox and lamb lie down together, we will remember. We will remember that peace doesn't happen without peacemakers and violence won't cease unless we stand in the breach and begin to repair it. We will remember that war is costly, the price paid in priceless lives cut short.

Lord God, until the Prince of Peace returns and death and crying are no more, we will remember. We will remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their country. We will support those left bereft in their absence. We will remember to seek reconciliation, knowing that while we cannot control the ways of the world, we can seek to work for peace in our own lives and communities.

Lord God, until there is no need for men and women to place themselves in harm's way, we will remember and give thanks for those who did and died.

In the name of the One who grants us the peace that passes understanding, we pray. Amen.
(Rev. Jill Duffield in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, May 29, 2017)

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: 43

Offering: 1797.00

This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Wednesday, 5/29	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
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Upcoming Events

Sunday, 6/2	10:30 AM	Worship (Communion) MICA Sunday
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Questions for Reflection: Jesus invites us to be born from above to receive new and abundant life. Salvation, or abundant life, is understood as a present reality in the Gospel of John. If the gift of God's love made known to us in Christ through the Spirit is stirred up by gratitude, what daily practice could increase your sense of gratitude? How could a simple practice of thanking God at any given moment in the day enliven your experience of salvation?

Household Prayer: Morning

Life-giving God, awaken me to your threefold presence in the world this day that I may share your love with others as freely as you have done for us in Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Abba, I give thanks for the immeasurable gifts of this day, above all, for the gift of your love made known in Christ. How grateful I am that by his love I am counted as a precious member of your family. Mere words cannot convey the wonder of this love. 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.)

Sanctuary Flowers: The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Loreice Naklie by her daughters Kay Reinert and Marie McCoy.

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