



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT/SCOUT DAY

February 26, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Whitney Rawlings

Recognition of J.J. White Girl Scouts

Affirmation of Scouting as an extension of the ministry of our church

We are grateful to be a sponsoring agency for Girl Scouts in our community. We give thanks that through Scouting, girls learn to live in God's light and to follow in God's way. We are thankful for the Scout Law which girls learn: to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, responsible for what one says and does, to respect oneself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout. We will continue to pray for these Scouts and their leaders as they grow towards these goals. Thanks be to God!

Prelude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Cindy Berry

Introit

Hallelujah! What a Savior

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

*Call to worship

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.

*Hymn no. 78

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Call to confession

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence, but name their sin and seek God's grace. Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of confession

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of forgiveness

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

The Word

Anthem

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

arr. Ronald Turner

Prayer for illumination

O Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Scriptures: *Matthew 4:1-11*

Sermon

It's All about Context

the Reverend Chris Richardson

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn no. 805

*Hymn no. 502

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITAIN

Invitation to offering

As God so freely offers us the gift of life in Jesus Christ, let us respond with gratitude, offering our lives to God.

Offertory

O Love That Will not Let Me Go

arr. Jay Rouse

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn no. 809

*Prayer of thanksgiving

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn no. 648 (verses 1 & 4)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

Charge and blessing

Worship the Lord; serve only God.

May the steadfast love of God surround you throughout these forty days and into everlasting life.

Postlude

Forty Days and Forty Nights

arr. Martin Herbst

**Please stand as you are able*

Announcements

Record from last week (02/19+23) Attendance • 64

Offering • \$2,477

This week at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Monday	5:30 PM	Pastor Nominating Committee
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Upcoming events

Sunday, 3/5	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Sunday, 3/12	Led by the Rev. Jill Buckley
Tuesday, 3/14	Presbyterian Women (lessons 6 & 7: Hospitality and Self-Care)
Sunday, 3/19	Communion , led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; Session meeting
Sunday, 3/26	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; MICA food pantry collection

Welcome to worship!

All who worship here are joyfully welcomed into our midst! To 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.

Welcome to the Reverend Chris Richardson

Rev. Chris Richardson works part-time as a chaplain for Hospice Ministries and is an elder in full connection in the United Methodist Church. A graduate of Duke Divinity School, Chris has lived in Pike County since marrying husband Kevin in 2004. They have three children: Colin, Brooke, and Emma.

Vision 2023 (adopted by Session on December 11, 2022)

Believe in Me and grow our church together in 2023. In 2023, we shall regularly reach out to inactive members, encouraging them to renew participation in the life of JJWMP. We shall also increase visibility through social media and community involvement that encourages others to join our membership. This will include promotion of church facilities as a destination for appropriate community events, with special emphasis on attracting young adults and youth. In doing so, we shall be widely recognized as a vibrant, welcoming church family that loves the Lord and one another. These initiatives will serve to grow membership and double attendance by year end, 2023.

Reminder of God's call to stewardship

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously (2 Corinthians 9:6). Thank you to all who have already submitted 2023 pledge cards, greatly helping the church plan the year's budget. Please speak with Dennis Ross, 2023 Stewardship chairman, with any questions or concerns.

Session

Watkins "Noggin" Wild, Clerk of Session • Wayne Hutchison, Treasurer		
Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Dennis Ross	Melisa DeCoux	Tommy Brock
Randy White	Suzi Drummond	Linda Miller
Rusty Whittington	Whitney Rawlings	Noggin Wild

Sanctuary flowers

Today's sanctuary flowers are in loving memory of J.C. Johnson by his wife and family.

Lectionary readings and questions for reflection

The complete list of this week's scripture readings is: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11. How might you grow in faith and draw near to Jesus through the forty days of Lent? Let Jesus' three responses to the devil be a guide: (1) study scripture (live by the Word of God, Matthew 4:4); (2) seek reconciliation with God and others (do not put God to the test, Matthew 4:7); and (3) be active and intentional about participating in the worship of this congregation (worship the Lord your God, Matthew 4:10).

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