



J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Transfiguration Sunday**  
February 11, 2024 \* 10:30 AM

**Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Whitney Rawlings

**Prelude**

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

arr. Cindy Berry

**Introit**

*Holy Ground*

Christopher Beatty

**\*Call to Worship**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs and praise!**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**who made heaven and earth.**

**\*Hymn No. 478**

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

**Call to Confession**

God alone is righteous; God alone is perfect; God alone is judge.

Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us.

Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Friends, believe the good news—in Jesus Christ we truly are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Word**

**Anthem**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

arr. Benjamin Harlan

**Prayer for Illumination**

Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts.

Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the

power of the gospel: Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.**

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 10:17-22; 1 Peter 2:21-25; Matthew 9:9-13

**Sermon**

*"Following in his Steps"*

Rev. John Dudley

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

Hymnal, p. 14

**\*Hymn No. 805** (Gloria Patri)

*Glory Be To The Father*

GREATOREX

**\*Hymn No. 452**

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

LEMMEL

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Communion Insert

**The Invitation to the Offering**

The God who speaks and summons the earth into being now speaks to us, calling us

to open up our lives as a sacrifice of praise.

**Offertory**

*More About Jesus*

arr. Roy Danielsen

**\*Hymn No. 809** (Doxology)

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn No. 745**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

DUKE STREET

**Charge and Benediction**

Now go and tell the good news: the Lord of life and light is with us: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **Amen.**

The very face of God shines upon you with beauty, blessing, and peace. **Alleluia!**

**Congregational Meeting**

Rev. John Dudley, Moderator

**Postlude**

*All Hail King Jesus*

arr. Mark Hayes

\*Please stand as you are able

## Announcements

Record from last Sunday

Attendance: 55

Offering \$2121

### This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Tuesday	11:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (PW) Lesson 6
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

### Upcoming Worship Events

Wednesday	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
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### 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.

### Welcome to the Reverend Dr. John Dudley

Rev. Dr. John Dudley has served as a Presbyterian minister for fifty-two years. For the past forty-eight years he has carried out his ministry as a member of the Presbytery of Mississippi. In addition to his work as a pastor, he has taught mathematics at the University of Southern Mississippi for many years. John and his wife Cathy live in Hattiesburg and have celebrated 57 years of marriage.

Watkins "Noggin Wild – Clerk	Wayne Hutchison – Treasurer	
<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>
Melisa Decoux	Tommy Brock	Sarah Ross
Suzi Drummond	Linda Miller	Dr. Robbie Decoux
Whitney Rawlings	Watkins "Noggin' Wild	Sam Daniel

### Stewardship Moment:

"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have." (2 Corinthians 8:12). Thank you to everyone who has pledged for 2024. If you have any questions about your giving, please contact Sarah Ross, Stewardship Chair.

### Sanctuary Flowers:

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Cyrena Austin

### Lectionary Readings and Questions for Reflection

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

The Old Testament reading for today presents Elijah as a "new Moses" - striking the Jordan with his mantle and causing the waters to part so that he and Elisha could pass through on dry ground (2 Kgs. 2:8). The Gospel reading builds on this comparison by placing Moses and Elijah together at Jesus' transfiguration (Mark 9:4). There is also a parent-child dynamic in each of these passages. Elisha asks to receive a "double share" of Elijah's spirit (2 Kgs. 2:9) – the appointed inheritance of a firstborn son (see Deut. 21:17). At the transfiguration, God's voice from the cloud bestows on Jesus the mantle of divine authority: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" What do these constellations of relationships suggest to you? How do they help you understand the transfiguration of Jesus? How is Jesus the fulfillment of the law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah)?

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