



J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024 * 10:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Cassie Alston

Prelude

The God of Abraham Praise

arr. Mark Hayes

Introit

O How He Loves You and Me!

PATRICIA

Call to Worship

Christ died for our trespasses but was raised for our justification.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn No. 29 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

O Worship the King

LYONS

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's promise of salvation, let us confess our sin and repent.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

The Word

Anthem

Ah, Holy Jesus

arr. Barbara Wallace

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture: *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Mark 8:31-38*

Sermon

"The Cost of Discipleship"

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

What will it profit us to gain the whole world and forfeit our life? With all humility let us make our offering to God, trusting not in worldly gain, but in God's sustaining grace,

Offertory

Be Still, My Soul

arr. Jay Rouse

*Hymn No. 809 (Doxology)

Praise God From Whom All Blessings

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a testament to your enduring promise. In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 576 (vv. 1,2,4)

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

Charge and Benediction

Disciples of Jesus, do not shun the way of the cross, but follow wherever our Lord may lead.

May the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, uphold you on the way.

Postlude

Standing on the Promises

arr. Carol Tornquist

*Please stand as you are able

Announcements

Record from last Sunday

Attendance: 55

Offering \$3261

This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian

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| Tuesday, 2/27 | 5:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| Wednesday, 2/28 | 7:15 AM | Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) |

Upcoming Worship Events

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| Sunday, 2/25 | 4:00 PM | Service of Ordination/Installation |
| Sunday, 3/3 | 10:30 AM | Rev. Cassie Alston |
| Sunday, 3/10 | 10:30 AM | Rev. Cassie Alston |
| Sunday, 3/17 | 10:30 AM | Rev. Cassie Alston (Communion) |
| Palm Sunday, 3/24 | 10:30 AM | Rev. Cassie Alston |
| Maundy Thursday, 3/28 | 6:00 PM | Rev. Cassie Alston (Communion) |
| Good Friday, 3/29 | 6:00 PM | Rev. Cassie Alston |

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.

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| 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 |

Sanctuary Flowers:

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Debbi and Tommy Brock in honor and appreciation of Cassie Alston and thankfulness that her spiritual journey guided her to J. J. White.

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)
invites you to
the Ordination and Installation of
Cassandra Phillips Alston
as Minister of the Word and Sacrament



Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.
in the Sanctuary of J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
110 Third Street, McComb, MS

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

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