

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
The Rev. Peggy Rounseville
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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Chimes, the Flames, and the Waters
Greetings and Announcements
(*)-Stand if Able

We Prepare to Receive the Word

Prelude

Opening Responsive Reading (from *Psalm 119:105-112*)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.**

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Let us praise and worship God!

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

. . . . voices to pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father** ...

***Hymn of Praise: #461**

"God Is Here!"

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, to the glory of your holy name (A few moments for the silent confession of personal sin)...*Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen."**

Time With The Younger Church

We Receive the Word

The Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 25:19-34 @

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:1-11 @

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 @

@- This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "Free!"

***Hymn: #325**

"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

We Respond to the Word

***The Affirmation of Faith— The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

***The Doxology – “Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen”**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #388**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

***Charge and Benediction**

***The Benediction Response:** (tune is #127)

**Come, O Spirit, fill your church, Making strong our mission;
Fill your daughters and your sons With a mighty vision
Till the great and glorious day When the whole creation
Sings your praise as Lord and King, Giver of salvation.**

To our guest,

We are so glad that you joined us today. We believe that it was no accident that you came here, and that God has given us the opportunity to share the love, grace, and saving gospel of Jesus with you. And so, it is our prayer that you feel loved in this place, and we want you to know that you are welcomed no matter what is going on in your life. We will embrace you with the same grace that God has embraced us with, and we will proclaim to you the same good news that has called us and saved us. If you want to make this church your home, and these people your family let us know after the service or by phone or email later this week. We would love to welcome you into Jesus' family.

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