

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
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Seventh 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 *Psalms 138*)
I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.
I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and word above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.
The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Let us praise and worship God!

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)
. . . . Hear us pray together as he taught us: **Our Father ...**

***Hymn of Praise: #457** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O

merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life, 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 28:10-19a @
Epistle Reading: Romans 8:12-25@
Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43@

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

Sermon: "Good Seed"

***Hymn: #551**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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 #324 “Open My Eyes That I May See”**

***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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