

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins
July 30, 2017

Eighth 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 105*)

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek God's presence continually.

**Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered.**

Let us praise and worship God!

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

. . . . pray together as he taught us: **Our Father ...**

***Hymn of Praise: #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior (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 / Noisy Offering: Camp Gilmont

We Receive the Word

The Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 29:15-28 @

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:26-39@

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52@

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

Sermon: "Pass the Mustard"

***Hymn: #369**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

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 #421 “The Church of Christ in Every Age”**

***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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