

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins
August 13, 2017

Tenth 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 17*)

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend when we cry.

Give ear to the prayers that rise from our lips.

Our steps have held fast to your path; our feet have not slipped.

We call upon you, O God, for you will answer: Incline your ear to us and hear our words.

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, for we seek refuge at your right hand.

Let us praise and worship God!

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

. . . . together the prayer taught us by the Son: **Our Father ...**

***Hymn of Praise: #462** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that, like your first disciples, we have doubted – even after having seen your mighty works in and around us. We have doubted your promise never to leave or forsake us, and have dwelt anxiously on things that worry us, rather than trusting your promise to work all things for good. Forgive our unbelief. By your Spirit, grant us faith, that we may demonstrate our trust in you by being at peace, even when all around us is in turmoil, to the glory of God, our heavenly Father, who gathers us as a mother within everlasting arms of love (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 37:1-4, 12-28@

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:5-15@

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33@

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

Sermon: "Staying Afloat"

***Hymn: #377** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

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 #392**

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

***Charge and Benediction**

***The Benediction Response:**

(tune is #420)

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of Thy salvation Be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving Thee whom we adore,

Serving Thee whom we adore.

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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