

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins
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Twentieth 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 99*)

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the people.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness.

**Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy.**

Let us praise and worship God!

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

. . . . taught us, when we pray, to say: **Our Father ...**

***Hymn of Praise: #267** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Confession

Gracious God, in whom all things are possible, we confess that we have doubted what we cannot explain. We have sought strength and enjoyment apart from you. We have taken pride in ownership rather than responsibility in stewardship. We have neglected to thank you for your gifts, and for your support in times of trouble. We have resisted the newness you offer. Forgive us, we pray, for installing ourselves as gods in your place. Lead us

in paths of trust and obedience, as we seek to follow Christ our risen Lord (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: Exodus 33:12-23@

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10@

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22@

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

Sermon: "When God Answers the Question You Didn't Ask"

***Hymn: #390**

"O Savior, in This Quiet Place"

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 #443 “O Christ, the Great Foundation”**

***Charge and Benediction**

***The Benediction Response:** (tune is #538)
**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.**

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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