

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Congregational Led Service
January 7, 2018

Baptism of the Lord

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 29*)
Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy array.
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, upon many waters.
The voice of the LORD is powerful, the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.
May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

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

* Hymn of Praise: #139 (Red Book) "Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine!"

Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will 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

Scripture & Hymns

- I. **Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5**
Hymns 2 & 3: To be selected by congregation
- II. **Epistle Reading: Acts 19:1-7**
Hymns 4 & 5: To be selected by congregation
- III. **Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11**
Hymns 6 & 7: To be selected by congregation

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

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 of Praise: #338 (Red Book) “He Leadeth Me; O Blessed Thought!”

***Charge and Benediction**

***The Benediction Response:** (Red book 473)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

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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