

**Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX**

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Third Sunday in Lent

**The Chimes, the Flames, and the Waters
Greetings and Announcements**

(*)-Stand if Able

We Prepare to Receive the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 95)

Come, let us sing a new song to our God. Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

We enter God's presence with thanksgiving and God's courts with our praise.

God is a great ruler over all the earth. All of creation is in God's hands.

The highest mountains belong to God. God owns the farthest of the universe.

O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before God our maker.

We are the people of God's pasture. We will listen to God with open hearts.

Unison Prayer:

We come to you, O God, because we are thirsty. Our spirits need the refreshing water of your word. We worship you with joy, for we can already feel the gift of your presence around us. Open our ears that we may hear the truth and prepare us to follow Jesus in the way we should go. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise: #476

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

Confession:

Eternal God, from the beginning of time you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that like all the rest, we have turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Restore us to the joy of knowing you, and of recognizing your reign among us, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. (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

Prayer for Illumination (In Unison):

Fill us with your spirit, O God, that we may live your truth, and share the story of Jesus so others may follow you in the way they should go. Teach us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7@

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-11@

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

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

Sermon: "Living Water"

*Hymn: #2247 "Crashing Waters at Creation"

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/Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

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 #281 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

***Charge and Benediction**

***The Benediction Response:**

Lord, I want to be a Christian, in-a my heart, in-a my heart, (#372)

Lord, I want to be a Christian, in-a my heart,

In-a my heart, In-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian, in-a my heart.

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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