

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Carpenter
March 29, 2020
Fifth 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:

God calls us from the valley of dry bones. Come, listen for a word from God.

We hear God calling us in a far distant voice. We know that God cares for us.

The Spirit breathes life into our dry bones. God offers hope when we have lost our way.

Our souls wait for the refreshment God offers. Our spirits are filled with joy.

Christ came as a light of the world for all. Christ is among us today to light our way.

We hear the teacher calling us. Christ sets us free to see and believe.

Unison Prayer:

God of steadfast love, bring new life to us today. Hear our voices, lifted in praise and crying out to you in our need. Be attentive to our supplications. Only you and set us free. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise: #306

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Confession:

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Hear our prayers, the confession of our neglect, the admission of our desire to be in control always. We cry out for forgiveness and a new start. We long to know you and live in reverence before you. By your steadfast love, redeem us from our iniquities and raise us up to new life. We ask these things 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):

God of mercy, we cannot live apart from you. You sent Christ to live among us and teach us how to live in righteousness. Speak to us today and empower us to share your love with all we may meet. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14@

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:6-11@

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

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

Sermon: “Resurrection and Life”

*Hymn: #302 “I Danced in the Morning”

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 #311 “We Meet You, O Christ”**

***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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