

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
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October 3, 2021
Twentyseventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

*=Stand, if able

Preparing to Receive the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,
but in the last days he has spoken to us through his Son Jesus Christ.
Jesus is the reflection of God's glory, and he sustains all things in the world by his powerful Word.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist,
should give his only son to suffer for our salvation.

Therefore we will proclaim God's name.

In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise: #289 "O God of Every Nation"**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

You gave us commandments, God of love, because you know the hardness of our hearts. You have created us to live in community, and still we oppress others and separate ourselves from each other and from you. Jesus loved the children, but there are still children in the world who live in hunger or fear, rejected and unloved. Forgive us, and call us to faithfulness. Bind all your children together as sisters and brothers, and nurture us with your love and forgiveness, that we might share what we have been given, and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children. In Jesus' name we pray, 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."**

Receiving the Word

The Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Job 1:1, 2:1-10 @

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 @

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

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

Sermon: "Paradoxes of Faith"

***Hymn of Meditation: #500 "Become to Us the Living Bread"**

Responding To The Word

***Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son.] Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

***The Doxology - Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

Invitation To The Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . . . we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

. . . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Breaking of Bread and Communion of God's People

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn of Sending: ##2226 (Sing the Faith) "Bind Us Together"**

***The Benediction**

***Congregational Response: #2164 (*Sing the Faith*)**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.