

**Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas**  
**First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX**  
**October 10, 2021**  
**Twenty eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

(\*)-Stand if Able

**We Prepare to Receive the Word**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes.

Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

**Oh, that we knew where to find God!**

**We want to hear and understand God's Word.**

The word of God is living and active.

It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.

**We cannot hide from God who knows us.**

**God understands our thoughts and intentions.**

Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour.

This is the time to embrace new ways.

**Here we set the patterns for everyday life.**

**Here we are strengthened for every day's challenges.**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise: #139 "Come Thou, Almighty King"**

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Almighty God, hear us, please. Many times we feel forsaken by you and terrified more than supported and comforted. We cry out and hear no answers. We suffer and find no relief. We are tempted to blame you even though we are the ones who cut off communication with you. We complain in the midst of plenty and groan over imagined slights. We turn inward instead of opening ourselves to your healing touch. We turn to other humans instead of to you. Have mercy on us and help us in our time of need. 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."**

**We Receive the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Hebrew Testament Reading: Job 23:1-9, 16-17@**

**Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16@**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31@**

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

**Sermon: "Testing.... Testing"**

**\*Hymn #404 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

**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 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**

**\*Hymn #269 (red) "Jesus Calls Us"**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction 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.**