

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Commissioned Pastor Jane Els
November 3, 2024
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Chimes, the Flames, and the Waters
Greetings and Announcements
*=Stand, if able

Preparing to Receive the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

Hear, O Church of God: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.

Hear, O children of God: there is another commandment like the first.

Yes: we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

These two commandments are the foundation of our Christian lives.

Thanks be to God! Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: #2283 (STF) "For All The Saints"

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son, but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love others. Forgive us. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us through Jesus Christ. Amen.(a few moments for 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."

Receiving the Word

The Prayer for Illumination

The Hebrew Testament: Ruth 1:1-18 @

The Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34

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

Sermon: "All the Saints"

*Hymn of Meditation: #364 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Responding to The Word

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Unison)**

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 on 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

Invitation To The Lord's Table

It is Christ himself who invites us to meet him here now.....

...Whenever we taste food or water, may we remember those who hunger or thirst; And, as we are nourished, may we gain energy to work for a greater sharing in your world. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

May the Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Supper

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn of Sending: #526 "For All the Saints"**

***The Benediction**

***Congregational Response: #2226 (STF) "Bind Us Together"**

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

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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Mark 12:31