

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

November 10th, 2024

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

*=Stand, if able

Prelude - Slade

Call to Worship:

Children of God, take a deep breath. Breathe in the goodness of God's abundance all around you.

God's abundance is enough for all that we need.

Think of all the things our society calls abundance. Ever-growing bank accounts, possessions galore, status and notoriety—what are these things compared to God's abundance?

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God's abundance notices the poor, the downtrodden, those whose labor and unmet needs fill the coffers of corporations and those who are wealthy beyond measure.

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How, then, will you offer yourself up to God? Like the Pharisees or the widow?

We will give as people who trust in God's provision, because God's abundance is enough for all that we need.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: #361 "How Firm a Foundation"

Call to Confession

God of Grace, we bring to you our ingratitude for all that you have done for us, our impatience when prayers seem to be ignored, our selfishness when prompted to give or share, our unfaithfulness when wandering from your way. We ask for your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ who gave all, that we might learn to do likewise. 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."

Special Music: Sandi Iverson

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 127:1-5 (Responsive)

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.

Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

First Reading: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Special Music: Sandy Corder

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

Special music - chimes song

Gospel Mark 12:38-44

***Hymn: #391 "Take My Life"**

***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 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.

Prayer of Intercession / Lord's Prayer

Offering

***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.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn History: Kathy Winn

***Hymn: #467 "How Great Thou Art"**

*Benediction

***Benediction 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.**

Call to Worship: *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.*

Opening Prayer: From Resources for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Throughout the Year (2011), jointly prepared and published by The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and The Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.

Confession: written by John Birch, and posted on **Faith and Worship**. <http://www.faithandworship.com/>

Assurance of Pardon: written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his wonderful Lectionary Liturgies blog.

<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

Prayer of Illumination: Book of Common Worship

Prayers of Intercession: written by Thomas Turner, and posted on Everyday Liturgy. <http://everydayliturgy.com/>

Prayer of Dedication: UMC Discipleship Ministries

Benediction: Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.

**...she, out of her poverty,
put in everything –
all she had.**

Mark 12:44

