

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

**November 17, 2024  
Twenty sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

\*=Stand, if able

**We Prepare to Receive the Word**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship: (Responsive)**

Listen and hear, all you people of the book!

There is one God who created all time and space.

**Our hope is in God who made heaven and earth.**

**All creatures of the land and sea come from God.**

You shall love God with all your heart and soul.

You shall honor God with all your mind and strength.

**We will praise God as long as we live.**

**We will sing of God's glory all through our lives.**

A second commandment is like the first: You shall love your neighbor as yourself:

**God watches over strangers and widows and orphans.**

**We honor God by honoring these, our sisters and brothers.**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn: #404 "Precious Lord, Take my Hand"**

**Confession - Unison**

**We have not kept faith with you, righteous God. There are so many distractions that occupy our time! There are so many groups to claim our loyalty. There are so many things that bid for our attention. We seek to know you and be known by you, that in an honest exchange our relationship**

**with you and with the people around us might be strengthened. Hear our honest prayer. [*a moment for silent confession*] 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**

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**Hebrew Reading: I Samuel 1:4-20 @**

**The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8**

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

**Sermon: "The Power of Silence"**

**We Respond to The Word**

**\*Hymn: #302 "I Danced in the Morning"**

**\*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.**

**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: #527 "Near to the Heart of God"

\*Charge and 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.

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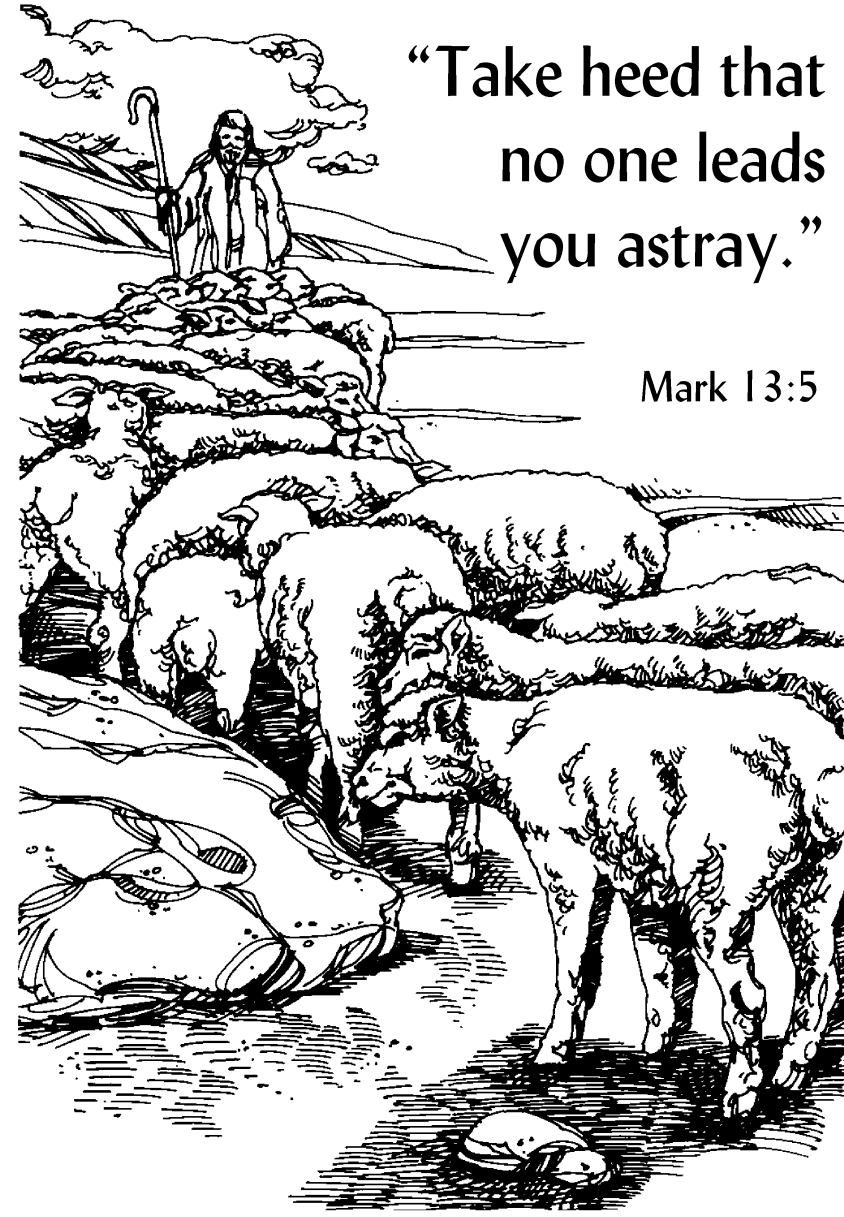
### *To our guest*

*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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**“Take heed that  
no one leads  
you astray.”**

Mark 13:5