

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

**January 19, 2024
Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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

*=Stand, if able

We Prepare to Receive the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;

Be still, and know that I am God

Opening Prayer

***Hymn: # 446 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"**

Confession - Unison

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use.

Amen [*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 Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 @

Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 12:1-11 @

The Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

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

Sermon: "What Time Is It?"

We Respond to The Word

***Hymn: # 260 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

***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: # 472 “O Sing to the Lord”**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction response: (STF) #2038 “Father I Adore Thee”
Father, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.**

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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