

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Commissioned Pastor Jane Els
March 2, 2025
Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Preparing to Receive the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship: (Responsive) *(based on Luke 9:28-36)*

"Listen to him!" Our God cries from the mountaintop.

It is good for us to be here. We bow before our God in worship.

May God's Word sink into our ears.

May our hearts be transfigured, our minds filled with understanding

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Creator of all, you speak, but we fail to listen. You guide, but we fail to follow. You move, but we remain stuck and stagnant in the same patterns of destruction and sin. Free us from our failures, Holy God. Save us from ourselves so we can hear and heed your call. (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."

Special music

Receiving the Word

The Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35 @
The Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

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

Sermon: " Transfiguration"

*Hymn of Meditation: #73 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory" (*hymn for Transfiguration of the Lord*)

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: #316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*The Benediction

*Congregational Response: (STF) #2150 "Lord, Be Glorified"

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

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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