

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

March 9th, 2025

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

*=Stand, if able

Prelude

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

Lent calls us to journey:
to the place where God covenants with us,
to receive the new names we are given.

Lent calls us to worship together,
to tell future generations the good news.

Lent calls us to practice justice,
to bring God's hope to all people.

Lent calls us to faithful living,
to trust the One who gives us life.

Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,
to trust the One who bears it with us.

Lent calls us to journey with God.

Let us worship God, who walks with us,
this and every day.

Opening Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer

Opening Hymn # 210 "Our God Our Help in Ages Past"

Lenten Blessing - (Patricia will read) *written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on "Listening to the Stones".*

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Merciful God, save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation. So strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. This we pray in his name. 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 – Patricia

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Hymn # 333 "Seek Ye First"

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Special Music - Sandi Iverson

Lenten Reflection - Patricia

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Hymn # 459 (Red Hymnal) "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

***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 Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

***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

Closing Hymn #454 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

*Charge and Benediction

***Benediction Response: #599 “Jesus Remember Me”**

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

Call to Worship ~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**.

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

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Confession & Assurance : ~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online.

<http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>

Prayer of Dedication - Umc discipleship ministries website

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

Lenten Blessing - ~ written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on **Listening to the Stones**.

<http://newkilpatrickblog.typepad.com/nk-blogging/mucky-paws/>

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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**Blessed is he
who comes in
the name of
the Lord.**

Luke 13:35