

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

**March 16, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent**

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

*=Stand, if able

We Prepare to Receive the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship: (Responsive) worship *(based on Psalm 27:1)*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

Of whom shall I be afraid?

Come, seek God in this time of worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: #398 (red hymnal) "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Confession - Unison

Eternal God, as perceived problems surround us and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. *[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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 @

The Gospel Reading: Luke 13:31-35

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

Sermon: "Faith and Fear"

We Respond to The Word

*Hymn: # 482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

*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 #400 “When We Are Living”**

***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.

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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