

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

**April 17, 2025**  
**Easter Sunday**

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

\*=Stand, if able

**We Prepare to Receive the Word**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship: (Responsive)**

Jesus Christ is risen today!

**Alleluia!**

Our triumphant and holy day!

**Alleluia!**

Praise our God, ye heavenly host!

**Alleluia!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn: #106 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”**

**Confession - Unison**

You call us to hope, Savior God, but we despair. You call us to work for peace, but we doubt its power. You call us to community, but we judge and shun. Transform us, Holy One, by the joy of this Easter. Let us celebrate this day as a new beginning and a new life. 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**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25 @**

**Epistle Reading: Luke 24:1-12 @**

**The Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18**

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

**Sermon: " Where Have You Laid Him?"**

**We Respond to The Word**

**\*Hymn: #123 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

**\*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 #108 “Christ is Alive!”**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction response: #106 “Alleluia, alleluia! Give Thanks” (Refrain)  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name**

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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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