

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Dr. John Coleman

June 22, 2025
Second Sunday of Pentecost

The Chimes, the Flames, and the Waters

Greetings and Announcements

*=Stand, if able

We Prepare to Receive the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship (Responsive)

As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.

Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God, for we shall again praise the Lord, our help and our God.

Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

***Hymn: #338 (red hymnal) “He Leadeth Me”**

Confession - Unison

God of gospel freedom, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief; rekindle our trust; tame our rebellion. Bring us back to ourselves and to 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

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 42 & 43 @

New Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 5-7, 8-15a @

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39

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

Sermon: “God’s Presence in our Struggles”

We Respond to The Word

***Hymn: #562 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

***Affirmation of Faith: (Unison)** (Excerpt from the *Book of Order*)

The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world:

The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone.

The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation.

The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself to the good news of God’s transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

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: #439 “In Christ There is No East or West”**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction response: 322 “Spirit of the living God”
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

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 welcome 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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**He
went away,
proclaiming...
how much
JESUS
had
done
for him**

Luke 8:39