

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Dr. John Coleman
June 29, 2025
Third 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)

Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

Lord, help us follow where you lead.

Jesus said, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Lord, help us put you first and follow you.

Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

Lord, help us follow you that we may serve you.

The peace of Christ be with all of you.

And also with you. Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn: #262 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"**

Confession - Unison

Eternal God, you claimed us as your own in our baptisms and called us to be your covenant people. We confess we do not live as people created in your image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling to our old habits and tired traditions. Gracious God, forgive our sins. Give us grace and strength to respond in faith and love. In Jesus's name we pray. 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: Psalm 16 @

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:2-3

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

Sermon: "Going Through a Wilderness"

We Respond to The Word

***Hymn: #2130 (Sing the Faith) "The Summons"**

***Affirmation of Faith: (Unison)** *(from "A Declaration of Faith")*

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. 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: #561 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

*Charge and Benediction

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

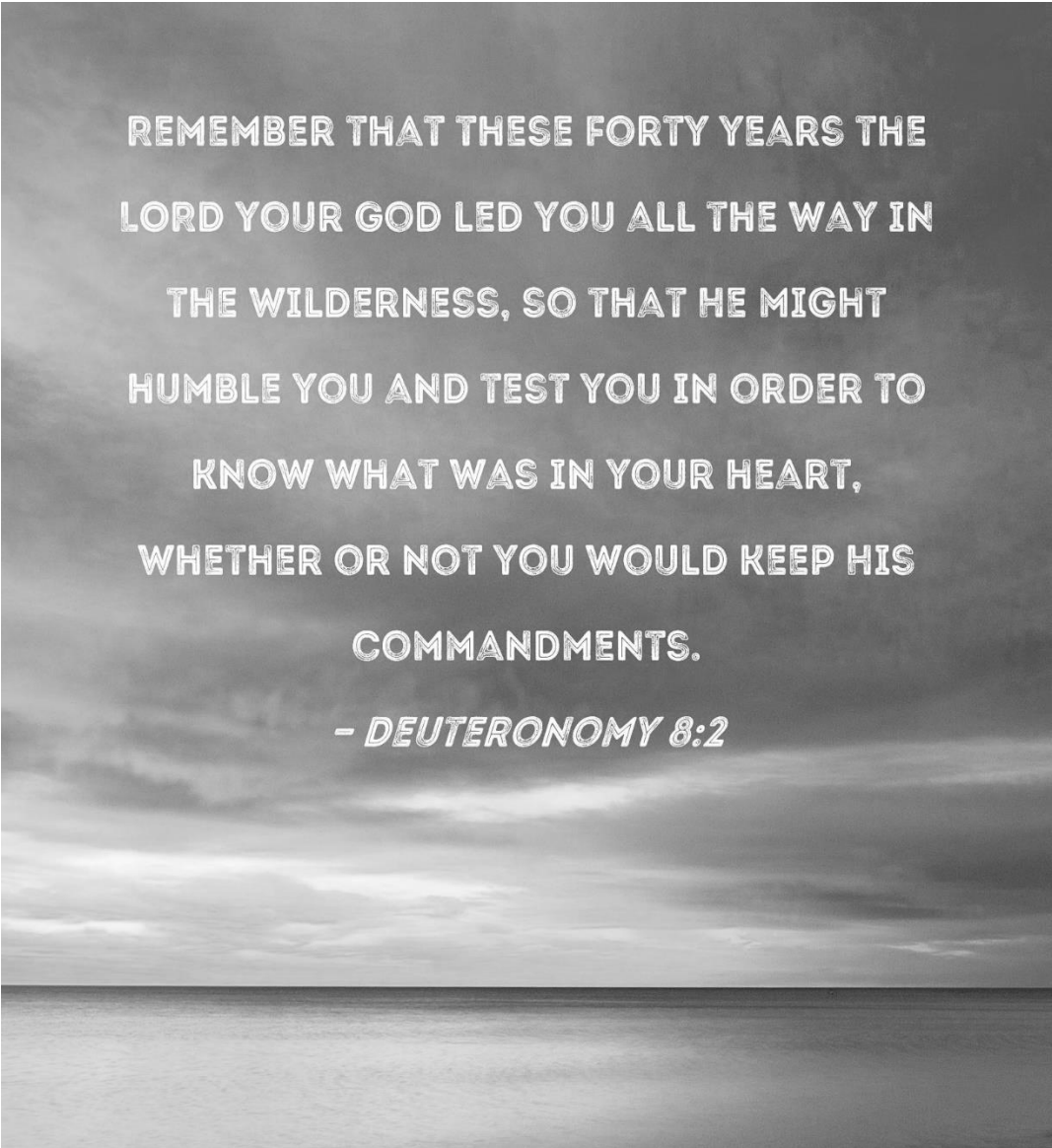
To our guest

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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REMEMBER THAT THESE FORTY YEARS THE
LORD YOUR GOD LED YOU ALL THE WAY IN
THE WILDERNESS, SO THAT HE MIGHT
HUMBLE YOU AND TEST YOU IN ORDER TO
KNOW WHAT WAS IN YOUR HEART,
WHETHER OR NOT YOU WOULD KEEP HIS
COMMANDMENTS.

- DEUTERONOMY 8:2