Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX Dr. John Coleman July 13, 2025 Fifth Sunday After 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) Christ has set us free Free to serve Free to welcome and include Free to love our neighbors as ourselves In this freedom, Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: #324 (red hymnal) "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Confession - Unison

Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ. 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 25:1-10 @ Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 @ Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:2-3

 $\textcircled{\sc 0}$ - This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Entering the Wilderness"

We Respond to The Word

*Hymn: #387 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Unison)

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: #457 "I Greet Thee, Whose My Sure Redeemer Art"

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction response: STF #2164 "Sanctuary" Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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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