

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

July 20, 2025
Sixth 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)

God's Spirit gathers us

We are not alone; God's Spirit calls us

We are to discern together God's will

God's Spirit sends us

We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior

Opening Prayer

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

Confession - Unison

O God, Forgive all the ways we wander away from you and your intentions for us, Loving Creator. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us understand what is evil and against your will.

We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. We need your truth. Jesus, forgive us and draw us closer to you. 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 52 @

The Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 38-42

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

Sermon: "Mary and Martha"

We Respond to The Word

***Hymn: # 302 (red) "Have Thine Own Way"**

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 Spirit, 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 is seated at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of dedication O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. 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 #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

***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 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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**Mary... sat at the
Lord's feet and
listened to what
he was saying.**

Luke 10:39

