

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Commissioned Pastor Jane Els
August 3, 2025
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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Preparing to Receive the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those God redeemed from trouble;
They cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress.

Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,
For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise: #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us so we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred so we can see ourselves as your children (a few moments for silent confession of personal sin) **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."**

Receiving the Word

The Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 107: 1-9, 43 @
Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1-11 @
The Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

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

Sermon: "New Life in Christ"

***Hymn of Meditation: #510 "Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"**

Responding to The Word

***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**

Invitation To The Lord's Table (Responsive)

Leader: Whenever we taste food or water Whether it is here in this sacrament

People: Or at our daily table

May we remember those who hunger and thirst;

And, as we are nourished, may we gain energy to work for a greater sharing in your world. Amen.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving: (Responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

L: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

L: May we rise from our Lord's table filled with your living bread...

Words of Institution and the Lord's Supper

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn of Sending: #310 "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"**

***The Benediction**

***Congregational Response: STF #2030 "The first Song of Isaiah"**

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

