

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Dr. John Coleman
August 10, 2025
Ninth 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)

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the convictions of things not seen.

Like Abraham, let us follow God,
even when we don't know where we are going.

By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations,
whose architect and builder is God.

Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us

Opening Prayer

***Hymn: #488 "The God of Abraham Praise"**

Confession - Unison

God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to caring relationships. Encourage us to stay committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace. 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: Isaiah 1:1,10-20 @

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40 @

Scripture: Isaiah 43:18

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

Sermon: "Walking With God in the Wilderness"

We Respond to The Word

***Hymn: #267 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

***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: #341 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction 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.

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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Forget
The Former
Things;
Do not
Dwell
on the past.
Isaiah 43:18