

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Dr. John Coleman
August 24, 2025
Eleventh 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)

In you, O God, we seek refuge;

In Your justice, deliver us.

Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress,

because You are our rock and fortress.

For you, O Lord, are our hope and trust.

Our praise is continually of You. Amen.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn: #339 “Be Thou My Vision”**

Confession - Unison

O God, our creator, sustainer and redeemer, we confess our feelings of exile and alienation, and we wonder where you are. We fear your absence when, in fact, you are most present to us. Restore in us a sense of your comfort and care. Renew our strength so that we might realize our calling as disciples of Jesus. 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 103:1-8 @

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 @

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21

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

Sermon: “Wrong Turns in the Wilderness”

We Respond to The Word

***Hymn: #2129 (STF) “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

***Affirmation of Faith: (from “A Brief Statement of Faith”) (Unison)**

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that
nothing in life or in death can separate us from the
love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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: #320 (red hymnal) “I Am Thine, O Lord”**

***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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