

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Crosby Fleming

August 31, 2025
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*=Stand, if able

We Prepare to Receive the Word

Prelude-chimes choir

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

We gather as God's people,

as friends, neighbors, and siblings in Christ.

We are called on a path of discipleship,

to be the salt of the Earth and light of the world,

And we answer with thanksgiving, praise, and grace.

Let our worship reflect our love!

Opening Prayer

***Hymn: #288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

Confession: (Unison)

God of pure, unbounded love, we are a people who long to be loving, and a people who often fail. Your law shows the way of righteousness, but we forsake your commandments. We have not provided for the poor or aided the disabled. We have not been truthful in our daily business; we have been unjust in our judgment of others. We have sought vengeance against our enemies; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Hear now as we pray for healing in our relationships: with you, with our loved ones, with friends and associates, with our world neighbors, and with ourselves. By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us to live as your holy people with Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 @

Epistle Reading: Psalm 119:33-40 @

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:43-48

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

Sermon: "The Sun Shines on All of Us"

We Respond to The Word

***Hymn: #426 "Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak"**

***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 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: #361 “How Firm a Foundation”**

***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 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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