

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Commissioned Pastor Jane Els
September 7, 2025
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*=Stand, if able

Preparing to Receive the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

From daily worries that distract and distort your life-giving path,

gather us, O God.

From suffering that overwhelms and weighs heavy on our hearts,

gather us, O God.

From temptations to escape through worldly addictions and comforts,

gather us, O God.

We choose you and Christ's way.

Help us attend to your presence with us in worship.

Let us worship God

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise: #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Holy God, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into our bodies. Yet we take these lives for granted, We choose destructive paths and unhealthy habits instead Because they are easy. We turn to idols that addict and enslave, instead of the liberating resources Christ provides. Forgive our foolishness, God our Redeemer, and grant us the wisdom to follow you in faith. (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

Epistle Reading: Matthew 16:13-20 @

The Gospel Reading: John 14:8-11

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

Sermon: "What Do We Believe?"

***Hymn of Meditation: #309 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"**

Responding to The Word

***Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed (Unison-see insert)**

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)

It is Christ himself who invites us to meet him here now.....

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.

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

The Communion of Christ

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn of Sending: #269 (red hymnal) “Jesus Calls Us”**

***The Benediction**

***Congregational Response: STF #2071 “Jesus, Name Above All Names”
Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel,
God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

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Believe me
That
I am in the Father
and the Father is in me.....
John 14:11

