

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Dr. John Coleman
September 14, 2025
Fourteenth 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)

Have you come here to grumble?

No! We are here to rejoice!

Are you lost?

No! We are found!

Do you seek a welcome at this table?

Yes! We are here to let go of the past and begin fresh.

We are here to celebrate the joy of heaven.

We are here to feast with Christ, our Lord!

You are in the right place. You are welcome here.

Let us worship God together!

Opening Prayer

***Hymn: #394 “There is a Balm in Gilead”**

Confession - Unison

God of loving kindness, have mercy on us. According to your multitude of tender mercies, blot out our transgressions, thoroughly wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach us wisdom, clean our hearts, put your Spirit within us. Let us hear joy and gladness so that our ragged bones might rejoice with you.
[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 51:1-10 @

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10 @

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

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

Sermon: “When God Says ‘No’-- Sufficient Grace”

We Respond to The Word

***Hymn: #356 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

***Affirmation of Faith: The 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: #280 “Amazing Grace”**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction 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.**

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.

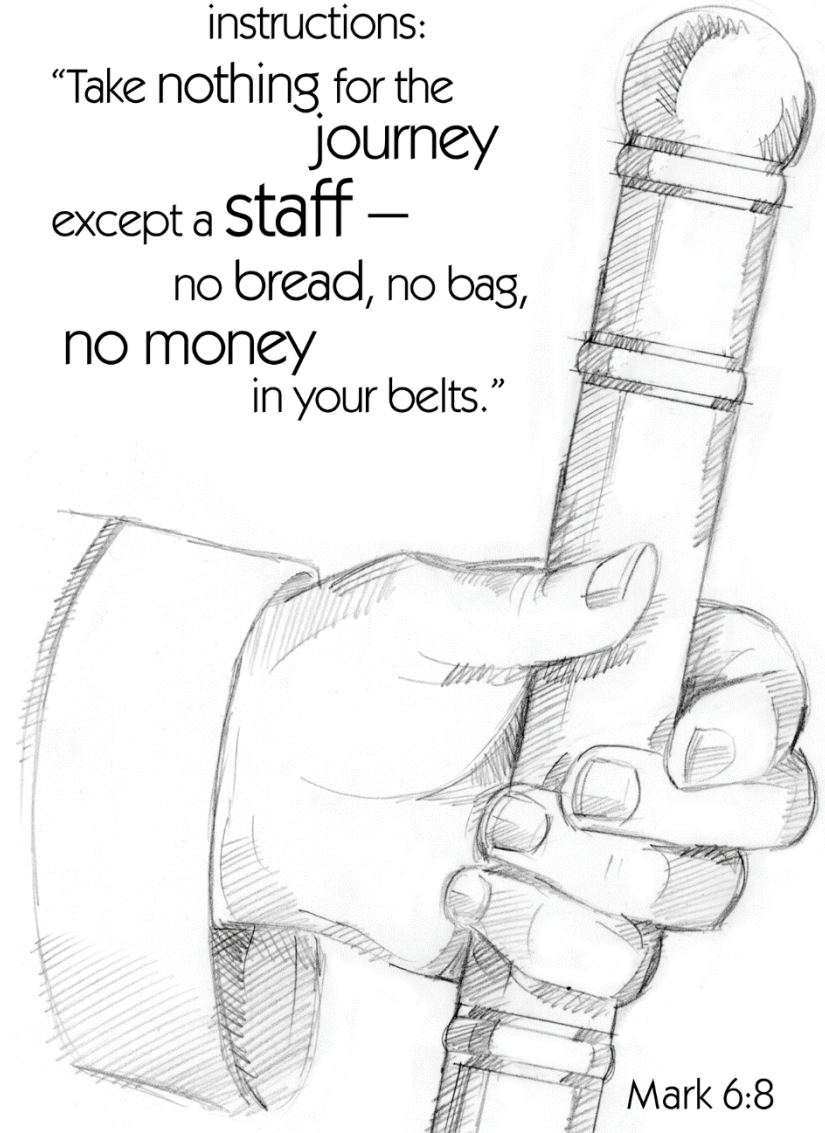
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These were his
instructions:

“Take nothing for the
journey
except a staff —
no bread, no bag,
no money
in your belts.”



Mark 6:8