

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Dr. John Coleman
September 28, 2025
Sixteenth 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)

Come! Praise the Lord!

Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!

Come! Praise the Lord!

Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!

Come! Praise the Lord!

Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!

Come! Praise the Lord! The Lord will reign forever!

Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

***Hymn: #543 “Abide with Me”**

Confession - Unison

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon, and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. 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 91:1-6. 14-16 @

New Testament Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 @

Gospel Reading: Mark 14:32-36

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

Sermon: “When God Says ‘No’—Take This Cup From Me”

We Respond to The Word

***Hymn: #97 “Go to Dark Gethsemane”**

***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 (Unison)**

All that we have is a gift from you. Lord, bless these gifts and inspire us to use them in ways that transform and enliven your people. May they be a blessing to those who need them most. Amen.

***Hymn: #302 (red hymnal) “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”**

***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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