

***Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas***  
**First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX**  
**Commissioned Pastor Jane Els**  
**October 5, 2025**  
**17th Sunday after Pentecost/ World Communion Sunday**

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

\*=Stand, if able

**Preparing to Receive the Word**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship: (Responsive)**

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

**The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise: #2223 (STF) “They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” (We are one in the Spirit)**

**Prayer of Confession: (unison)**

**Holy and Righteous God, amidst the violence and wrongdoing of the world, we struggle to live by faith. We treat suffering with contempt, seek power to serve ourselves, and cowardly shrink from prophetic truth. Gather us again to your table as you gathered the generations before us. Save us from the strife we start, and the contention we create. Rekindle within us the gifts you have given, revive our sense of your Holy Spirit. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen** (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**

**The Psalm: Psalm 133 @**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-2 @**

**The Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10**

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

**Sermon: "Increase Our Faith!"**

**\*Hymn of Meditation: #505 “ Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”**

**Responding to The Word**

**\*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**

**Joining with Churches Around the World in Communion**

**Invitation To The Lord's Table (Responsive)**

Whenever we taste food or water Whether it is here in this sacrament

**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.**

. . . . may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who  
share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's  
body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.**

**Words of Institution and the Lord's Supper**

**Prayer After Communion**

**\*Hymn of Sending: # 343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

**\*The Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response: STF #2226 "Bind Us Together"**

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.**

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**

If you had faith  
the size of a  
mustard  
seed...

Luke 17:6

