

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Commissioned Pastor Jane Els
November 2, 2025
Twenty-first 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)

God is here!

We, your people, meet to offer praise and prayer.

May we find in fuller measure ...

What it is in Christ we share.

Let us worship God

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise: # 2283 (STF) “For All the Saints”**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

We confess our discomfort with uncertainty rather than trusting you. We

confess our desire for personal power and our desperate grabs for control.

We confess our need for everything to make sense. And yet, Great God of mystery, there is so much beyond us and our understanding. Remind us we are human. Humble us in your presence. Help us rest in the faith that your grace is sufficient. (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.”**

Special Music

Receiving the Word

The Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 @

Epistle Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4; 11-12 @

The Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

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

Sermon: " What Makes a Saint?"

***Hymn of Meditation: #447 (red hymnal) “Let Us Break Bread Together”**

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**

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: #364 "I Sing a Song of the Saint of God"**

***The Benediction**

***Congregational Response: STF #2240 "Awesome God"**

Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God!



Today
salvation
has come
to this
house....

Luke 19:9