

***Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas***  
**First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX**  
**Dr. John Coleman**  
**November 6, 2025**  
**Twenty second 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)**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

**One generation shall declare your mighty acts to another.**

You are our refuge and our strength, O God.

**We trust in your grace and in your presence among us.**

Come, let us worship the God of the living.

**We worship the One who calls us into life. Let us worship God!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn: #383 (red hymnal) “I Love to Tell the Story”**

**Confession - Unison**

O God of truth and justice, we confess that we sometimes despair when our circumstances feel overwhelming. We question your ways, we lose sight of your promises, and we forget that you are the God of the living. Forgive us, restore us, and help us cling to the hope of resurrection and the promise of redemption. 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.”**

**Special music**

**We Receive the Word**

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27–38 @**

**New Testament Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13-17 @**

**Sermon Scripture: Numbers 20:1-13**

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

**Sermon: “When God Says ‘No’—Breaking the Faith”**

**We Respond to The Word**

**\*Hymn: - #281 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

**\*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)**

O God, we give you thanks for the gifts of creation, and for the gift of life itself. We dedicate our resources to you, trusting and hoping that they will build up your work in our world. Amen.

**\*Hymn: #271 (red hymnal) “Rock of Ages”**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction 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!

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***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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