

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Commissioned Pastor Jane Els

November 16, 2025
Twenty-third 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) (based on Psalm 98)

We give thanks to you, God,
for you have done marvelous things.

Let the waters clap their hands.

Let the trees dance. Let the birds sing for joy.

May we remember together, today and every day,
that you have done marvelous things.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn: #374 (red hymnal) “Be Still My Soul”**

Confession - Unison

Almighty God, we have fallen short. We have harbored hate. We have celebrated the pain of others. We have chosen what is easy instead of what we know is right. Empower us that we may not grow weary. Teach us that we may know what is right. We silently name our failures and lay them at your feet now. [*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: Isaiah 65: 17-25 @

Epistle Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 @

The Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

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

Sermon: "Starting Over"

We Respond to The Word

***Hymn: #21 (red hymnal) “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

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 #2175 (STF) “Together We Serve”**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction response: STF #2040 “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!

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 welcomed 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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**By your endurance
you will gain
your souls.**

Luke 21:19

