

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Dr. John Coleman
Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026

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

*=Stand, if able

We Prepare to Receive the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The tomb is dark, but empty.

The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness.

The stone has been rolled away.

The one you are looking for has overcome death.

The burial clothes are put aside.

The one you are looking for is alive.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Let us worship our risen Savior.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: #113 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession - Unison

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we ignore the cries of the oppressed and are indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. 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: Jeremiah 31:1-6 @

Psalm Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 @

New Testament Reading: Acts 10:34-43 @

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

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

Sermon: "He Is Not Here"

We Respond to The Word

*Hymn: #122 "Thine Is the Glory"

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

***Prayer of Dedication: (Unison)**

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty, and shelter the vulnerable. Amen.

***Doxology (Unison)**

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 Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

***Hymn: #213 (red hymnal) "Crown Him With Many Crowns"**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction response: #599 "Jesus, Remember Me"**

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

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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