

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Dr. John Coleman
April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter

The Chimes, the Flames, and the Waters
Greetings and Announcements
*=Stand, if able

Preparing to Receive the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise: #485 "To God Be the Glory"**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, 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

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 16 @

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9@

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

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

Sermon: "From Unbelief to Confession"

***Hymn of Meditation: #92 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

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 (Unison)**

Gracious and loving God, we bring our tithes and offerings to you in celebration and thanksgiving for the good news of Easter. Give us your wisdom and grace to use what you have given us for ministries of love and compassion that will share the love of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen

Invitation To The Lord's Table (Responsive)

. . . . 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.

"...we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

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.

"...as we proclaim the mystery of faith."

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

"...the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood."

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: # 310 "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"**

***The Benediction**

***Congregational Response: #106 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

Alleluia Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia Alleluia give praise to His name.

**“Blessed
are those
who have
not seen
and yet have
believed.”**

John 20:29