

**Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Dr. John Coleman
Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 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)

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

***Hymn: #123 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession - Unison

Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst. We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves. Transform our hearts so that where they are hardened toward you, neighbor and self, they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy. In your holy name, we pray. 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: Psalm 116:1-4,12-19 @
New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23 @
Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35**

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

Sermon: "Their Eyes Were Opened"

We Respond to The Word

***Hymn: #513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"**

***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

***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

***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: #442 "The Church's One Foundation"**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction response: #106 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

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

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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"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was opening the scriptures to us?"



Luke 24:32