

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Dr. John Coleman
Fourth Sunday in Easter
April 26, 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)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!

Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

Let us feel the presence of the God's grace and love!

O Holy spirit, lead us on in worship;

Call us each by name, that we may give God glory. Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession - Unison

Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. We confess to you our sins, first together and then in silence...

[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 (Unison)

O God, give us the listening ear. A listening ear that will not shrink from your Word that corrects and admonishes; a word that challenges us to deeper consecration and higher resolve; a word that lays bare the needs that make our days uneasy. Give us, O Lord, the listening ear. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23 @

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:42-47@

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

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

Sermon: "Known by Name, Led by Love"

We Respond to The Word

*Hymn: #387 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

***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)**

Shepherding God, you lead us, guard us, prepare us and preserve us. We have responded by giving back to you what has come from your hand. Bless these gifts, and multiply them in the life of your church, in Christ Jesus. 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: #338 (red hymnal) "He Leadeth Me"**

***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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