

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Dr. John Coleman
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

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

Preparing to Receive the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise: #467 "How Great Thou Art"**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you. (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 131: 1-5,15-16 @

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14 @

Scripture Reading: II Samuel 24:18ff

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

Sermon: "The Best Things In Life Are..."

***Hymn of Meditation: #383 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

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.

Invitation to the Offering

***The Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

God, who faithfully fortifies the world you created, bless our gifts and use them to protect and provide...and allow us all to flourish in Your grace, mercy, justice and love. Amen

***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 Prayers of Intercession

Invitation To The Lord's Table

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.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now with the confidence of your children through Jesus Christ, we join our voices in praying the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying:

"Our Father..."

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn of Sending: #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

***Charge and Benediction**

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

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

