

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX
Dr. John Coleman
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 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)

We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead, buried, and now risen indeed!

Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

God is with us and will never let us go. Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: #383 (red hymnal) "I Love to Tell the Story"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession - Unison

Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and 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: Psalm 66:8-20 @

New Testament Reading: Acts 17:22-31 @

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

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

Sermon: "Not Left Behind, Not Left Alone"

We Respond to The Word

*Hymn: #322 "Spirit of the Living God"

***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)

O Lord our maker, defender, redeemer and friend, accept and multiply the gifts we give today to be for your glory and for the good of your people. 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: #316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

***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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