

Service for the Lord's Day

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 2018

Don't you know that you yourselves (the church) are God's temple
and that God's Spirit lives in each of you?

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom, strength, and courage as we seek your will
and trust your guidance. Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Lynn Tieken

*INTROIT #475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (v.1)

Robinson, 1758

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into the presence of the Most High God with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.
For our Savior frees us from slavery; our Savior heals our diseases; our Savior is our peace.
You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ. Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN #475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (v.2&3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even our best intentions go awry when we are not at one with God's purpose. Our gracious
God journeys with us and provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness so that
when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven. Let us confess our sins, first silently and then with
the Unison Prayer of Confession.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in
control as if you will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye
toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us.
We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. We have no right to be
called your children. Have mercy on us, God of Grace. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray.*

*Put the mind of Christ within us, O God, so that our lives take the form of a cross. Use us to
break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world.
Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise together with the son and the
Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace. Our Master's touch heals us, and his shed blood is our
salvation. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Amen.

*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.*

#580

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:11-22 (*The Message*) Pew Bibles, p.181/LG. p.235

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Maimonides, 12th Century

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:1&2

Pew Bibles, p.183/LG. p.237

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Choose Love"

Rev. Debbie Tipps

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in
society for the sake of mission in the world. The church gathers to praise God, to hear his
word for mankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the
world to him in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to
order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak
and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time. The church
disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of
society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological*

reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. This, we believe. *– The Confession of 1967 9.35-9.37*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #840 *“When Peace like a River” (v.1-3)* Spafford, 1876

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #840 *“When Peace like a River” (v.4)*

POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Debbie Tipps grew up in Ocean Springs, MS but she got to Texas as soon as she could! She graduated from Ocean Springs High School before moving west to attend the University of Texas at Arlington. She graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor’s degree in business administration. Debbie worked in the investment industry until she heard God’s call to ministry through her work as a volunteer with family ministries at FUMC Houston. Debbie graduated from Perkins School of Theology in 2013 with a Master’s of Divinity degree. During her time at Perkins, Debbie also became certified as a Spiritual Director. Debbie is married to Woodie Tipps, a native of East Texas. They have two daughters, Annabelle and Mary Margaret. The family moved to Henderson, and began attending FUMC in July of 2011.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, Kay Warren, Sue Williams, and the family of Jane Fahle.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 07/23	Pipeline Deadline	
Thur. 07/26	L.E.A.N. Meeting	2:00pm
Sun. 07/29	Communion	
Sun. 07/29	Hymn Sing	2:00pm – 3:30pm



First Presbyterian Church

311 South High Street, Henderson, TX 75652

903-657-2529

Fpchendersontx.org

We're on FaceBook!

