

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven... debts/debtors...Amen*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

Thank You, Lord

Worship Ensemble

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Please remember, today we are collecting the offering and our pledge cards for the coming year. Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, I appeal to you, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

**\*Doxology # 607**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,*

*Praise Christ, all people here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

*Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*LITANY OF DEDICATION, for Stewardship Pledges**

Gracious God, creator of the world, giver of all that is good,

*bless the gifts and the pledges we bring to you today.*

These pledges represent our work, our hopes, and our dreams,

*and we offer them in thanksgiving for all we have received.*

May they be the first fruits of all we have,

*and not what we have left over.*

May we see these pledges as a sacred offering,

*and not a gift of obligation or exchange.*

May we use them wisely for your service,

*to reflect your love to this city and this world.*

May they move us to be more faithful disciples,

*and energize us for lives of generosity.*

— *Sending* —

**\*HYMN #749**

Come! Live in the Light!

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the God of justice lead us through the tumultuous seas.

May the Christ who came to dwell among us renew the strength of our dreams.

May the Holy Spirit guide us to still waters where justice, solidarity, and peace reign. *Alleluia!*

Go in peace to love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength,

and to love your neighbor as yourself. *Amen.*

**POSTLUDE**

Presto (Kleine No. 4) by Haydn

Joshua Allen



Rev. Michele R. Goff ..... Pastor  
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*Serving God,*

*Honoring Creation,*

*Embracing Differences*



**First  
Presbyterian  
Church**  
Henderson, Texas



*23rd Sunday after Pentecost*

*Sunday, October 31, 2021*

*Service for the Lord's Day*

(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit.

*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

— *Gathering* —

Beautiful City (from Godspell)

Joshua Allen

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Michele Goff

INTROIT

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Worship Ensemble

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Carol Scoggins

Which of the commandments is first of all?

*The Lord is our God. The Lord is one!*

And the second is this:

*love your neighbor as yourself.*

As we gather to worship God, let us remember:

*there is no other commandment greater than these.*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN #726

The Summons

CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, together:

*Holy God, you call us to love you with all our heart,  
and with all our soul, and with all our mind.*

*Forgive us when selfishness takes up too much of our heart,  
when worry seems to crowd wonder out of our soul,  
when fear causes us to close our minds to anything new.*

*Holy God, you call us to bear with one another in love.*

*Forgive us when we cannot love our neighbors.*

*Forgive us when we cannot love ourselves.*

- Silent prayer -

ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Bible p. 157

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 9:11-14

Bible p. 209-210

Hear the word of the Lord for us.

GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-34

Bible p. 46

Hear the word of God for us today.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Three-fold Love

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega,  
be all glory and honor forever. **Amen.**

— *Response* —

SONG OF RESPONSE

Together

Worship Ensemble

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*

**The life, death, resurrection,  
and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.  
His human life involves the church  
in the common life of all people.  
His service to men and women  
commits the church  
to work for every form of human well-being.  
His suffering makes the church sensitive  
to all human suffering  
so that it sees the face of Christ  
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.  
His crucifixion discloses to the church  
God's judgment on the inhumanity  
that marks human relations,  
and the awful consequences  
of the church's own complicity in injustice.  
In the power of the risen Christ  
and the hope of his coming,  
the church sees the promise  
of God's renewal of human life in society  
and of God's victory over all wrong.  
The church follows this pattern  
in the form of its life  
and in the method of its action.  
So to live and serve  
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Remembering the world that God so loves,  
we pray to the Maker of heaven and earth, saying:  
Let your will be done, *on earth as in heaven...*