

*Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us.
Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world,
so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace;
in your holy name we pray. Amen.*

***INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.
... Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

Creation Will Be At Peace

Ensemble

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.
Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.
God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace.
Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life,
your love, your grace with all.
Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.*

— Sending —
Give Thanks

***HYMN #647**

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the God of glory, the Lord of life, and the Spirit of truth be with you all. **Alleluia!**
Live a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

How Firm a Foundation

Joshua Allen

You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HENDERSON, TX
9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2022**

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

We've Come This Far by Faith

Joshua Allen

WELCOME

Rev. Michele Goff

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Lynn Tieken

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Faith is a gift to be received, treasured, and shared with joy and thanksgiving.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***HYMN #670**

From the Rising of the Sun

CONFESSION

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

*God of the ages, God of the old, old story,
we hear of our ancestors and are astounded by their faith.
They trusted you, but we waver.
They believed your promise, but we cling to our own ideas.
Forgive us and free us from our fear, that we may follow with joy
wherever you may lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

*GLORIA PATRI #581

*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.*

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Bible p. 592-593, LG p. 771-772

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

SECOND TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Bible p. 211-212, LG p. 273-274

Listen to the word of the Lord.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40 Bible p. 70, LG p. 91

The wisdom of God for the people of God.

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

SERMON Our Shepherd, the Thief Rev. Michele Goff

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

*HYMN #350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (v 1,2, & 4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary*

and became truly human.

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.*

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

*We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we pray for the fulfillment of God's promise,
saying: In faith, O God, *we seek your grace.*

... Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. *Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

— Eucharist —

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Meditation from Thais (Massenet) Stefen Kane, flute

*DOXOLOGY #607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION