

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Practicing gratitude can change our lives as individuals; it can change our life as a congregation. In the spirit of gratitude to God, our giving is not reduced to ethical duty but is elevated to delight and joy. As we offer to God these measured gifts, let us also offer unmeasured praise.

**OFFERTORY** **I Will Not Forget You** Ensemble

**\*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**

*Like the shepherds in Bethlehem's field, like the leper healed who returned to Jesus, like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church, we praise and glorify your name, O God. You have given us more than we could have imagined! For tidings of joy, for wholeness received, for the gift of belonging, we thank you. Make of us, as well as these gifts, offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless, and signs of your power to reconcile and redeem. We ask all things in the name of Christ. Amen.*

— Sending —

**\*HYMN # 37** **Let All Things Now Living**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn # 176** **If You Only Had Faith**

**\*POSTLUDE** **ODE TO JOY** Joshua Allen

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



**First Presbyterian Church**  
Henderson, Texas



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HENDERSON, TX**

**18th Sunday after Pentecost  
October 9, 2022**

(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit  
*Bold Italic Letters* indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

**PRELUDE** Great is Thy Faithfulness Joshua Allen

**WELCOME** Dr. Sharon Templeman

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist: Carol Scoggins

God has sent redemption to us and made with us a covenant. Holy and awesome is God's name. ***Praise the Lord!***

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of our salvation, you are the source of wisdom and joy. Your love and mercies are not limited to one time or to one people. You continue to heal and to save, transcending the artificial boundaries and barriers we set. For such expansive love, it is our right, duty, and joy to offer you all thanks and praise, now and forever. ***Amen.***

**\*HYMN # 610** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**CALL TO CONFESSION :**

Since Jesus Christ was a descendent of David, Christ shared our humanity. He understands our struggles to be faithful. Yet even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Jesus came not to condemn or exclude, but to make us well, to make us whole. In his name we confess our sins and call out, "Lord, have mercy on us."

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, even your power. We find it hard to give ourselves away to you or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

- Time for silent confession -

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and we have been raised with him to new life. Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving! (2 Timothy 2:11, Rom. 8:38-39)

***Thanks be to God***

**\*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**

Sovereign God, though we are bound by many tethers, your Word is not chained. Set us free by this Word let loose in the world.

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING:** Psalm 111 Bible p. 531-532, LG p. 691-692  
The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING:** 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Bible p. 200, LG p. 259  
Hear 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 17:11-19 Bible p. 75, LG p. 98  
The wisdom of God for all people; the call of God for all who live. Go and tell everyone what you have seen and heard. ***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON:** Attitude of Gratitude Dr. Sharon Templeman, CRE

— Response —

**\*HYMN #31** Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

***This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.***

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We pray all of this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray saying:

**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.***