

*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.*

— Eucharist —

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Restless Weaver

Ensemble

\*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.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you.  
May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed,  
to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor,  
and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.*

\*INVITATION TO THE TABLE (see insert)

— Sending —

\*HYMN #488

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever. **Alleluia!**  
As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Chorus of Worship (Lorenz)

Joshua Allen

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



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HENDERSON, TX**

**Baptism of the Lord**

**January 8, 2023**

(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit

**Bold Italic Letters** indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

**O Master Let Me Walk With Thee (arr. Smith)**

Joshua Allen

WELCOME

Rev. Michele Goff

\*LITANY FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Liturgist: John Hillin

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said: Let there be light.

***The voice of the Lord is over the waters!***

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said: When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you.

***The voice of the Lord is over the waters!***

Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

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***The voice of the Lord is over the waters!***

When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened.

***The voice of the Lord is over the waters!***

And as Jesus was coming out of the water, the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

***The voice of the Lord is over the waters!***

And a voice said: You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

***The voice of the Lord is over the waters!***

*brief silence*

Almighty God,

you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit,

and revealed him as your beloved Son.

Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service,

that we may rejoice to be called children of God;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN #66            Every Time I Feel the Spirit

**CONFESSION**

In faith, let us confess our sin together:

***Gracious God,***

***you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us,***

***you save us and free us from our sin.***

***Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts,  
disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors.***

***Forgive us.***

***Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you.***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The good news has been passed down by prophets and priests:

everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness in his name.

***We believe; help our unbelief.***

Wherever you are on your journey, you are redeemed, forgiven, and loved.

***Thanks be to God!***

\*GLORIA #582

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,***

***and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,***

***And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.***

***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

**— Word —**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING**

ISAIAH 42:1-9

BIBLE P. 630, LG P. 820

Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 10:34-43

Bible p. 121, LG p. 157-158

Hear the word of God for us.

A new teaching, with authority! ***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 3:13-17

Bible p. 3, LG p. 3

The wisdom of God for us.

The wisdom of God for the people of God. ***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**

**Openings**

Rev. Michele Goff

**ASCRPTION OF PRAISE**

**— Response —**

\*HYMN #630

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15*

***God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.***

***Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.***

***But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ***

***by showing power in the form of a servant,***

***wisdom in the folly of the cross,***

***and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.***

***The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world***

***discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator***

***who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.***

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We approach God in prayer not as strangers, but as beloved children,

baptized in Christ Jesus, Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

... These things we pray in the name of Jesus,

your beloved Child, our Savior and 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 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.***