

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

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                      **What Does the Lord Require of You?**                      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.*

— Sending —

**For Everyone Born**

**\*HYMN #769**

**\*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**

**Heaven Shall Not Wait**

Joshua Allen

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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HENDERSON, TX**

**4th Sunday after Epiphany  
January 29, 2023**



Rev. Michele R. Goff.....Pastor  
Joshua Allen.....Music Director  
Debbi Ricci.....Admin. Assist.



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE O God, Our Help in Ages Past (arr. Croft)

Joshua Allen

WELCOME

Rev. Michele Goff

\*OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman

Blessed:

*the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek.*

We gather to hear who Christ calls blessed;

*those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,*

*the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, the persecuted.*

Blessed.

\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Marked, claimed, cleansed, and called,

through the gift of baptism, *we are yours, O God.*

... Your fingers mark our foreheads with abiding grace, perfect freedom, holy truth.

Through the gift of baptism, *we are yours, O God.*

... in baptism we are risen to new life in Christ—

forgiven sinners, beloved children of the covenant.

Through the gift of baptism, *we are yours, O God.*

\*HYMN #298 Lord You Give the Great Commission v. 1, 2, 4

CONFESSION

*Merciful God, we fail to do what is right.*

*Instead, we pursue evil and do not speak the truth.*

*Even when we try our best to be faithful, still we turn away from you.*

*Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us, that we may seek to do what you call good.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*We will boast of all the good God has done for us! Thanks be to God!*

\*GLORIA# 582, v1

*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

Micah 6:1-8

Bible p. 816, LG p. 1060-1061

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

The Word of the Lord.

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SECOND TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Bible p. 156, LG p. 202

Hear God's word for us.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Bible p. 4, LG p. 4-5

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

SERMON

Blessed Be

Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— Response—

\*HYMN #172

Blest Are They

Ensemble (congregation sings the Refrain)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,*

*and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;*

*who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,*

*suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;*

*he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;*

*he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand*

*of God the Father Almighty;*

*from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;*

*the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;*

*the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Loving God, you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

Hear our prayers for your church and world:

for the hungry and the overfed, *may we have enough;*

for the mourners and the mockers, *may we laugh together;*

for the victims and the oppressors, *may we share power wisely;*

for the peacemakers and the warmongers,

*may clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;*

for the silenced and the propagandists, *may we speak our own words in truth;*

for the unemployed and the overworked,

*may our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;*

for the troubled and the secure, *may we live together as wounded healers;*

for the homeless and the pampered, *may our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming;*

for the vibrant and the dying, *may we all die to sin and live to love. Amen.*