

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***
 ...With saints, with angels, and with the whole creation,
 we join in the ancient and eternal hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.
 ... Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION HYMN #507 Come to the Table of Grace

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise.
At this covenant meal you have nourished us with your own body and blood.
Sustain us with your Spirit, and send us forth singing praise,
until we feast with you again in the glory of your holy realm. Amen

— Sending —

Lift High the Cross

***HYMN #826**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

There is a Redeemer

Joshua Allen

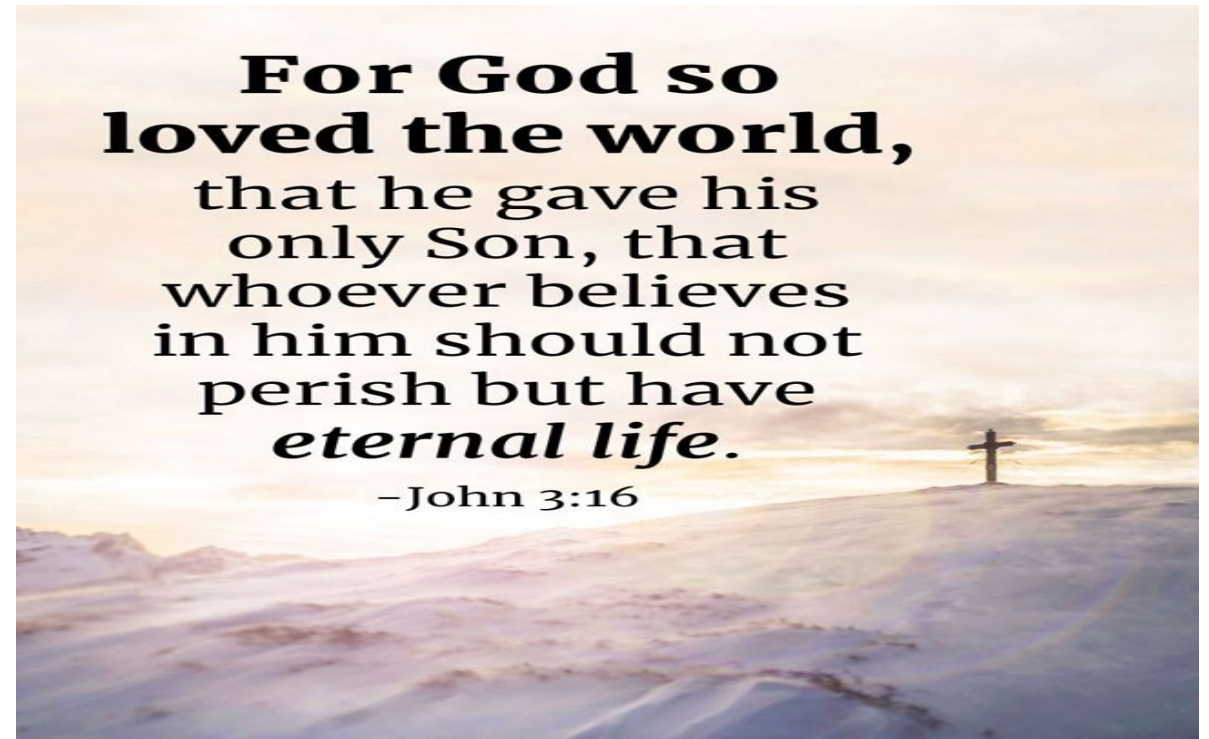
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*Serving God,
 Honoring Creation,
 Embracing Differences*



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



**For God so loved the world,
 that he gave his only Son, that
 whoever believes in him should not
 perish but have eternal life.**

—John 3:16

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 HENDERSON, TX**

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

() Please rise in body or in spirit*

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (arr. Hustad) Joshua Allen

WELCOME Dr. Sharon Templeman

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist: Lynn Tieken

(Based on Psalm 121)

I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new; to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown, until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #49 The God of Abraham Praise**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, we are selfish and arrogant. We have overlooked human dignity; we ignore the needs of minorities, migrants and immigrants. We hear the cries of the land, women, children, and young people, but we have not done enough to respond to the grace that we have received. These actions have caused some people to suffer and experience oppression. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA # 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 OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST TESTAMENT READING Genesis 12:1-4a Bible p. 9, LG p. 12

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

SECOND TESTAMENT READING Psalm 121 Bible p. 539, LG p. 702

Hear the word of the Lord. We proclaim Christ crucified—the wisdom and power of God.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17 Bible p. 88, LG p. 114

The wisdom of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON New Perspectives Dr. Sharon Templeman

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

***HYMN #7 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Belhar Confession)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe: • that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another • that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ • that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain • that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; • that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin; Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

— Eucharist—

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY O God, Create in Us Clean Hearts (Wilt) 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**

***INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; let those who have no money come and eat.

God will satisfy our souls with a rich feast, and we will bless the Lord as long as we live.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**