

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 The Goodness of God (Johnson, et al.) 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**

*Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness.
With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you.
Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and
grace for the world you dearly love. Amen.*

— Sending —

***HYMN #733** We All Are One in Mission

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The blessing of the one God—Spirit, Son, and Father—be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**
Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE **Wade in the Water** Joshua Allen

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



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HENDERSON, TX
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(* Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— *Gathering* —

Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre (Handel)

Joshua Allen

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Michele Goff

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: John Bruce Hillin

We observe this day as the Lord's Day,

giving thanks to God,

who gives justice to the oppressed,

who forgives us and redeems us,

and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Let us worship the One who is worthy of our praise!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #324

For All the Faithful Women

CONFESSION

We are not here to pass judgment on each other:

all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Therefore, let us go before God as we offer our confession together:

God our Judge, we admit we have double standards.

We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others.

We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others.

We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that mercy to others.

Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive,

showing others the same grace and mercy

that you have generously shown to us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, hear and believe:

God does not deal with us according to our sins,

but according to God's own steadfast love for us.

As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us.

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

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21

Bible p. 59-60, LG p. 76-77

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

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Romans 14:1-12

Bible p. 152-153, LG p. 198

Hear God's word for us.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Bible p. 19, LG p. 24-25

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

SERMON

MIRIAM'S TAMBOURINE

Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

*HYMN #710

We Are an Offering (We Lift Our Voices)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - JOHN

FROM PHIL 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:

Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With one mind in Christ, and one heart in the Spirit,

let us pray to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

...Enable us, O God, by the power of your Spirit,

to live our lives in a way that is worthy of the gospel,

to the glory of the name that is above all names,

Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*