

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 PSALM 98 Duet, Joshua Allen and Stefen Kane

***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 the harvest, you are continually planting the seeds of your love
in our world and in our lives.
As we bring our gifts to you, may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope,
planted deeply in our community. Amen.*

— Sending —
O Day of Peace

***HYMN #373**

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The blessing of the holy, triune God, who was and is and is to come— first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega— be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**
Go in peace to love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 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
24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023**

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

— Gathering —

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Joshua Allen

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Michele Goff

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Carol Scoggins

Together, we choose to serve God, which means:

We choose love.

We choose hope.

We choose peace.

We choose kindness.

We choose welcome.

We choose justice.

We choose to serve God.

Let us worship.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #336

We Gather Together

CONFESSION

Our God is a God of glorious deeds, of wondrous works.

Our hope is in God. But we do not always keep God's commandments.

Let us confess our sins before our merciful and mighty God together:

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you,

*we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you,
but we also do not want to put in the work.*

*We do not want to prepare for your coming
by working for your kin-dom on this earth.*

*We do not keep alert for signs of you among us,
so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays.*

Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action.

*Surprise us with your presence so we might learn
to always be ready for you to arrive.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All who seek God will rejoice and be glad.

We proclaim that God is great because of this good news:

we are forgiven! Be at peace. ***We are forgiven! 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

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Bible p. 205-206, LG p. 267-268

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Listen to the word of the Lord.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 78:1-7

Bible p. 508-509, LG p. 661

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 25:1-13

Bible p. 26-27, LG p. 34

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

SERMON

God Stories

Rev. Michele Goff

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

*HYMN #350

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SENTENCES FROM SCRIPTURE

***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

Our shepherd satisfies our needs;

in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

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

...Loving shepherd, lead and guide us—

in green pastures and by still waters,

in right paths and through dark valleys,

until we feast with you in glory

and dwell in your house forever; through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***