

**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** Give Thanks

**\*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 —

To God Be the Glory

**\*HYMN #634**

**\*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** Shine, Jesus, Shine

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



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HENDERSON, TX  
25th Sunday after Pentecost  
November 19, 2023**

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

— *Gathering* —

**Take My Life and Let it Be**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

To you, O God of the heavens, we lift our eyes.

***Have mercy on us!***

God has been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

***Hear us when we call!***

From everlasting to everlasting, God is with us.

***We will magnify your holy name!***

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**\*HYMN #643**

**Now Thank We All Our God**

**CONFESSION**

As children of God, we come to God in our joys,  
in our sorrows, in our fears, and in our guilt.

Knowing that God loves us and embraces us,  
let us bring our confessions to God.

***God of abundance,***

***you have given us so many gifts.***

***You bless us with talents, resources,  
skills, and knowledge,***

***and yet we hide them under a bushel.***

***We hoard these gifts, instead of following you  
and sharing with those in need.***

***We have been poor stewards of all you have given.***

***Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given,  
that it might be returned in service to you.***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God has destined us not for wrath, but for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who died for us so that we may live with him. ***Praise be to Christ! Alleluia!***

**\*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**

Judges 4:4-9

Bible p. 210, LG p. 273

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

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Bible p. 193, LG p. 250

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

***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 25:14-30

Bible p. 27, LG p. 34-35

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

**SERMON**

**What Was He Thinking?**

Rev. Michele Goff

**ASCRPTION OF PRAISE**

— *Response* —

**\*HYMN #761**

**Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

**\*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.***