

For expectations not met, *Lord, have mercy.*  
 For wounds not healed, *Lord, have mercy.*  
 For gifts not shared, *Lord, have mercy.*  
 For promises not kept, *Lord, have mercy.*  
 Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place:  
 For friendships made, for joys celebrated  
 and for times of nurture and growth, *thanks be to God.*  
 For wounds healed, expectations met,  
 gifts given and promises kept, *thanks be to God.*  
 For our fellowship in Jesus Christ,  
 and for the love of God, which has sustained us, *thanks be to God.*

**DISSOLUTION**

Do you, the members and friends of  
 First Presbyterian Church of Henderson Church,  
 release Rev Michele Goff from service as your pastor?

*We do with thanks to God.*

Do you, Rev Michele Goff, recognize and accept  
 the completion of your ministry with this congregation?

*I do with thanks to God.*

\*HYMN #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (v. 1,3)

BLESSING & CHARGE

Go in peace.

*Go in peace.*

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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

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**First  
 Presbyterian  
 Church**

Henderson, Texas



*Serving God,  
 Honoring Creation,  
 Embracing Differences*



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 HENDERSON, TX**  
**Baptism of the Lord/Service of Installation**  
**January 7, 2024**

(\* Please rise in body or in spirit

*Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response*

— Gathering —

**PRELUDE**

**When Morning Gilds the Skies**

Joshua Allen

**WELCOME**

Rev. Michele Goff

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Suzanne Cross

As many of you as were baptized into Christ  
 have clothed yourselves with Christ.

*There is one body and one Spirit,  
 just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.*

<https://www.bibleclaret.org/liturgy-alive/292>

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**\*HYMN #484** Out of Deep, Unordered Water

**CONFESSION**

Trusting the gracious mercy of God, we humble ourselves to pray.

*We confess we are imperfect in our love for one another, and unjust with our power. You created us to be reflections of your love and justice, but we often reflect our own fears and prejudices. Forgive us, God. If we are mirrors of your great brilliance, help us sparkle when the world is gray. Amen.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rest in the assurance you are forgiven, loved, and ready to begin again.

*Glory to God.*

**\*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 FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 1:1-5 Bible p. 1, LG p. 1

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING** Acts 19:1-7 Bible p. 130-131, LG p. 169-170

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

**GOSPEL** Mark 1:4-11 Bible p. 32-33, LG p. 42

Hear God’s wisdom for us.

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

**SERMON** Baptism as Touchpoint Rev. Michele Goff

Ascription of Praise

**\*Hymn #490** Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (v. 1)

[see insert]

—Eucharist—

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Wonderful Feast (Haugen) 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**

*For gifts abundant and for grace abounding, we give you thanks, generous God. Bless the gifts we bring today. Use these gifts and our lives to be your gift of grace to others. Amen.*

**\*INVITATION**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Holy One be with you. *And also with you*

Open your hearts to the One who is Love. *We open our hearts to you, O God.*

Let us give thanks to God with us.

*To the One who took on flesh, we give thanks and praise.*

With saints, with angels, and with the whole creation, we join 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 the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you, sharing this holy meal, remembering Christ’s dying and rising, and praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

*Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.*

Come, for all is prepared.

**COMMUNION MUSIC** Prepare Ye from Godspell Ensemble

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Mighty God, holy is your name.*

*We thank you for gathering us at your table and feeding us with the bread of life. As we leave this table to go to the many places where you call us, send your Spirit to accompany us, so that we may share in your magnificent work: lifting up those who are laid low, showing mercy to all in need of human kindness, and feeding the bodies and hearts of all those who are hungry. Amen.*

—Sending—

**DISSOLUTION OF A PASTORAL CALL**

**LITANY**

Let us pray for the saving presence of our living Lord:

In your world, *be present, Lord.*

In this congregation, *be present, Lord.*

In this community, *be present, Lord.*

In this presbytery and the whole church, *be present, Lord.*

In the homes and hearts of all your people, *be present, Lord.*

Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord:

For work begun but not completed, *Lord, have mercy.*