

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY I Lift My Voice (Ramsey) 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
-Sending-

*HYMN #339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Be Thou My Vision Joshua Allen

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

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Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HENDERSON, TX
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2024

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(* Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

-Word-

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Sanctuary Joshua Allen

WELCOME Liturgist: Claudia Morgan-Gray

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 139:7-10)

Where can we go from God's spirit?

***If we ascend to heaven, God is there;
if we make our bed in Sheol, God is there.***

If we take the wings of morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

***Even there God's hand shall lead us,
and God's right hand will hold us fast.***

*HYMN #619 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

CONFESSION

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves.

You know our sins even before we confess.

Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging.

We'd much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing.

Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103:17)

*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.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (based on Psalm 19:14)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:43-51

Bible p. 87, LG p. 112-113

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-6

Bible p. 211, LG p. 273

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What is Your Core Identity?

Rev. David Reeder

-Response-

*HYMN #656 We've Come This Far by Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967, 9.31a)

***To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling
community, to share God's labor of healing the hostilities which separate
people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this
mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church follows Christ's
pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and
serve is to confess Christ as Lord.***

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 it is 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.***