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 the Offering

OFFERTORY

Laudamus Te (Sleeth)

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 #837 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (What a Fellowship)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude Jesus Saves! Joshua Allen

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

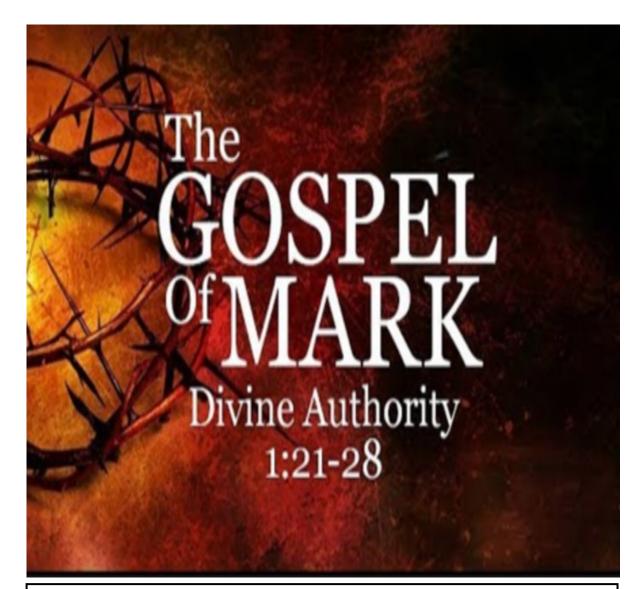
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Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences





# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON, TX

4th Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 2024 (\*) Please rise in body or in spirit **Bold Italic Letters** indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Tis So Sweet with Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Joshua Allen

**WELCOME** Liturgist: Kelly Weaver

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

\*HYMN #181 Silence, Unclean, Frenzied Spirit

### **CONFESSION**

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word.

Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*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 READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Bible p. 168, LG p. 218

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Bible p. 160, LG p. 208

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL** Mark 1:21-28 Bible p. 33, LG p. 43

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** Teaching with Authority Jimmy Chapman, Commissioned Pastor

—Response—

\*HYMN #795

Healer of Our Every III

\*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.