

PRAYER RESPONSE

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 God al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.
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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Welcome Jesus, You Are Welcome

*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

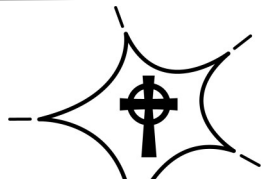
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*HYMN #314 Christ, Be Our Light (Longing for Light)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Taize) Ensemble

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Great is the Lord Joshua Allen
WELCOME Liturgist: Steve Lowe

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 51)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.
You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.
Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.
Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN #315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

CONFESSION

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to "me and mine." Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

KYRIE #471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...Proclaim the good news with me:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE (#471) The Lord Is My Song

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise; All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise; God, the well-spring of life.

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reigning with the Lamb - Part 2

Rev. David Reeder

—Response—

*HYMN #368

We Fall Down

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From A Declaration of Faith)

The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with people's response in faith.

That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do.
To retell it is to declare what we believe.

We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works God's sovereign will among all peoples of the earth.

We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe.
God's story with the church moves forward through us. We are called to live now as God's servants in the service of people everywhere. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE "Remember, You Are Welcomed...and Inviting"

God of all, we remember...

We are welcomed, and we are inviting.

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.