

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father which 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.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY In My Life Jack Brooks

*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 #35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Lord,, Listen to Your Children Praying Jack Brooks

You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.



**First
Presbyterian
Church**
Henderson, Texas



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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2nd Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Come Unto Me

Jack Brooks

WELCOME

Liturgist: Liz Cross

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

Of whom shall I be afraid?

Come, seek God in this time of worship.

*HYMN #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt.

Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God does not forsake us in times of trial. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

*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

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Bible p. 11-12, LG p. 14-15

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

Bible p. 65, LG p. 85

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Before and After Us

Crosby Fleming

—Response—

*HYMN #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

*In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.*

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people

to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.