

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 Take Thou, Our Minds, Dear Lord 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 # 700 I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Go with Us, Lord Jack Brooks
You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.



Debbi Ricci.....Administrative Assistant
Jack BrooksGuest Organist



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX
6th Sunday of Pentecost ~ Communion Sunday
July 20, 2025

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me Jack Brooks
WELCOME Liturgist: John Tieken
*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us here to worship. We carry many worries and are distracted by many things, but here, in this time and place, we are invited to set them aside, to be fully present. Let’s pause and take a deep breath.
We remember who we are:
We are the body of Christ.
We remember whose we are:
We are God’s beloved children.
We remember our chief purpose:
To glorify and enjoy God forever.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN# 688 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions. We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment, but reluctant to examine the ways we benefit from the injustice in our world. We are distracted by our fears. We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security. Instead of proclaiming your abundance, we operate from a mindset of scarcity. We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities, leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important.
We confess our distraction, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it because it’s easier than sitting at Jesus’s feet, learning what it means to follow him. We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship.
Forgive us. Help us discern and choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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 Psalm 15 Bible p. 469, LG p. 609-610
SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-28 Bible p. 188-189, LG p. 243-244
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL John 7:1-39 Bible p. 93-94, LG p. 121-122
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.
SERMON Opposition, Security, and Life Rev. David Reeder

—Response—

*HYMN # 451 Open My Eyes, That I May See

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)
*We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God and open to God’s reality and rule.
Christ teaches us to put obedience to God
above the interests of self, family, race or nation;
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.
It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest,
setting aside our own working to enjoy God’s work,
celebrating with our family in Christ the Lord’s goodness.
We need constantly to search out God’s way in Scripture,
not expecting detailed directions for every decision,
but relying on the Word to tell us who God is,
to press God’s present claim on us,
and to assure us of God’s grace and comfort.*