

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 Just a Closer Walk with Thee 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 # 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE More Love to Thee, O Christ Jack Brooks

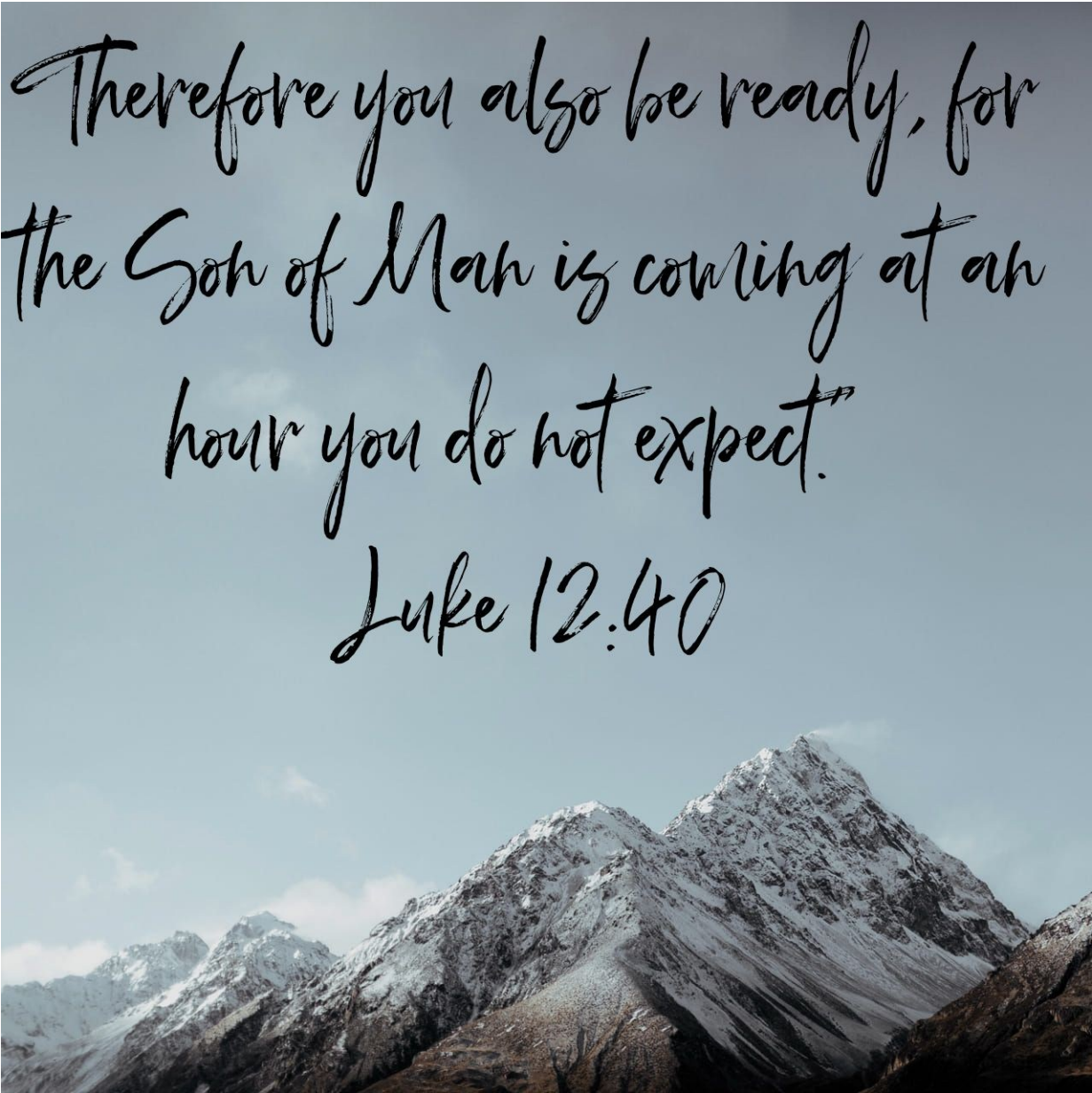
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Debbi Ricci.....Administrative Assistant
Jack BrooksGuest Organist



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX

16th Sunday of Pentecost

September 28, 2025

—Gathering—

PRELUDE Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise Jack Brooks
WELCOME Liturgist: Kathy Porter

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 146)

Come! Praise the Lord!
Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!
Come! Praise the Lord!
Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!
Come! Praise the Lord!
Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!
Come! Praise the Lord!
The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!

*HYMN# 20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have – our prosperity, our power and our love – until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Lord, hear our prayer. 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 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Bible p. 592-593, Lg p. 771-772
SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Bible p. 211-212, Lg p. 273-274

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40 Bible p. 70, Lg p. 91
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Close Encounters with the Unexpected Rev. Jim Dees

—Response—

*HYMN # 362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles’ Creed)

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*