



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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX
18th Sunday of Pentecost
October 12, 2025

—Gathering—

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 66)

*HYMN# 35

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI #581

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Praise God, All You Nations

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
Sing to the glory of God’s name.
All of creation worships, singing praise to God.
Sing to the glory of God’s name.
Let us give glory to God.

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Holy God, When we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often, we are confident in our own strength. We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded. It is tempting to take pride in our health and strength rather than confronting ableism in all its forms. Jesus, have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all people. Redirect our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always. Amen.

Psalm 46

Please read responsively.

Jack Brooks

Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.
⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."
¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND READING

GOSPEL

SERMON

1Thessalonians 5:16-24

Luke 17:11-19

Returning Thanks

Bible p. 193, Lg p. 250

Bible p. 75, LG p. 98

Rev. Katie Cummings

The Word of the Lord.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God.

—Response—

*HYMN # 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,