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 God of Our 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

—Sending—

*HYMN # 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.

Jack Brooks

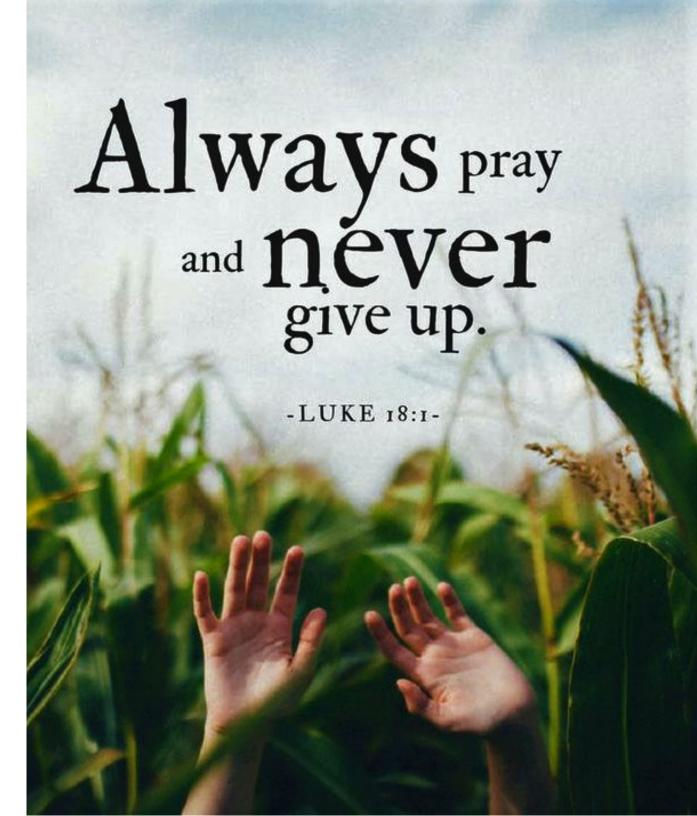


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Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences



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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX 19th Sunday of Pentecost October 19, 2025

—Gathering —

PRELUDE Come Down, O Love Divine Jack Brooks
WELCOME Liturgist: Sylvia Conlee

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121 and 2 Timothy 4)

We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?

Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made heaven and earth. I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!

*HYMN# 175

Seek Ye First

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still we stray from your ways, we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Engrave your covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...For I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more. Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*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

Jeremiah 31:28-34

Bible p. 691, LG p. 899

SECOND READING 2Timothy 3:14-4:5 Bible p. 201, LG p. 260

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8 Bible p. 76, LG p. 99

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Persistence in Prayer Jimmy Chapman

—Response—

*HYMN # 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (V. 1, 4, 5, 6)

*Affirmation of Faith ((The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language edition)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.