

...God of mercy,
Hear our prayers.

*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.*

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

—Sending—

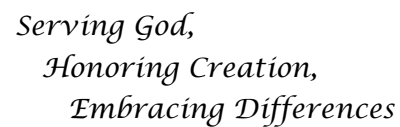
Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Jack Brooks

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



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



THE TRUTH *will*
SET YOU FREE
— John 8:32 —

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX
20th Sunday of Pentecost
October 26, 2025

—Gathering —

PRELUDE

Like a River Glorious

Jack Brooks

WELCOME

Liturgist: Jan Pennal

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Luke 18:14)

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.
We humble ourselves before our God, ready to hear and receive God’s truth.

*HYMN# 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your truth is so often sharp and unsettling.
We confess the ways we skirt the hard edges of your Word, turn up the volume on lesser noises, and lean into the comfort of our own certainty rather than submit to the discomfort of your challenge.
You send us messengers, and we sidestep them; you challenge us, and we defend ourselves. Again and again, Holy God, we resist what we do not want to hear.
And yet you keep calling. Have mercy on us. Interrupt our evasions.
Soften what pride has hardened in us. Let us hear and receive your truth. 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 84:1-7

Bible p. 513, LG p. 667-668

SECOND READING

2Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Bible p. 201, LG p. 260

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 8:31-59

Bible p. 95—96, LG p. 123-124

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Family Resemblance

Rev. David Reeder

—Response—

*HYMN # 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2: 6-11)

Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.