

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...God of our salvation,
hear our prayers..

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	Largo	Jack Brooks
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***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 #384**

Soon and Very Soon

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **While We Are Waiting, Come** **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*



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Hope

THE PEOPLE WALKING IN DARKNESS
HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT:
ON THOSE LIVING IN THE LAND
OF DEEP DARKNESS A LIGHT HAS DAWNED.
ISAIAH 9:2 (NIV)

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

—Gathering —

PRELUDE

WELCOME

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Jack Brooks

Liturgist: Jan Pennal

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Matthew 24:36-44)

Keep awake. Be ready. For the Son of Man is coming.

Thanks be to God! We will worship and prepare.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE—Tom and Kelly Weaver

*HYMN# 82

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray our addiction to violence, our destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve your judgement and condemnation. Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace amid our warring madness. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ and his path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. 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 2:1-5

Bible p. 594, Lg p. 773

SECOND READING

Romans 3:11-14

Bible p. 144, Lg p. 187

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

Bible p.26, Lg p. 33-34

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Preparing for the Unexpected

Crosby Fleming

—Response—

*HYMN # 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from “The Book of Common Worship”)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;

for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,

who are called according to God’s purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.