

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.*

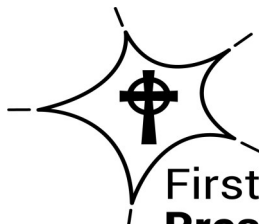
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
*All are welcome at Christ’s table. The cup is offered as red wine, and white grape juice.
You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the first pews.*

COMMUNION MUSIC Lord Have Mercy Jack Brooks

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Bless the Lord, O my soul; **and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name!**
Bless the Lord, O my soul; **and forget not all God’s benefits.**
Lead us, O God, to confirm this world to your kingdom of love, justice and peace. Help us to live as the Lord requires: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.


—Sending—

*HYMN #263 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Jack Brooks
You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.




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Henderson, Texas

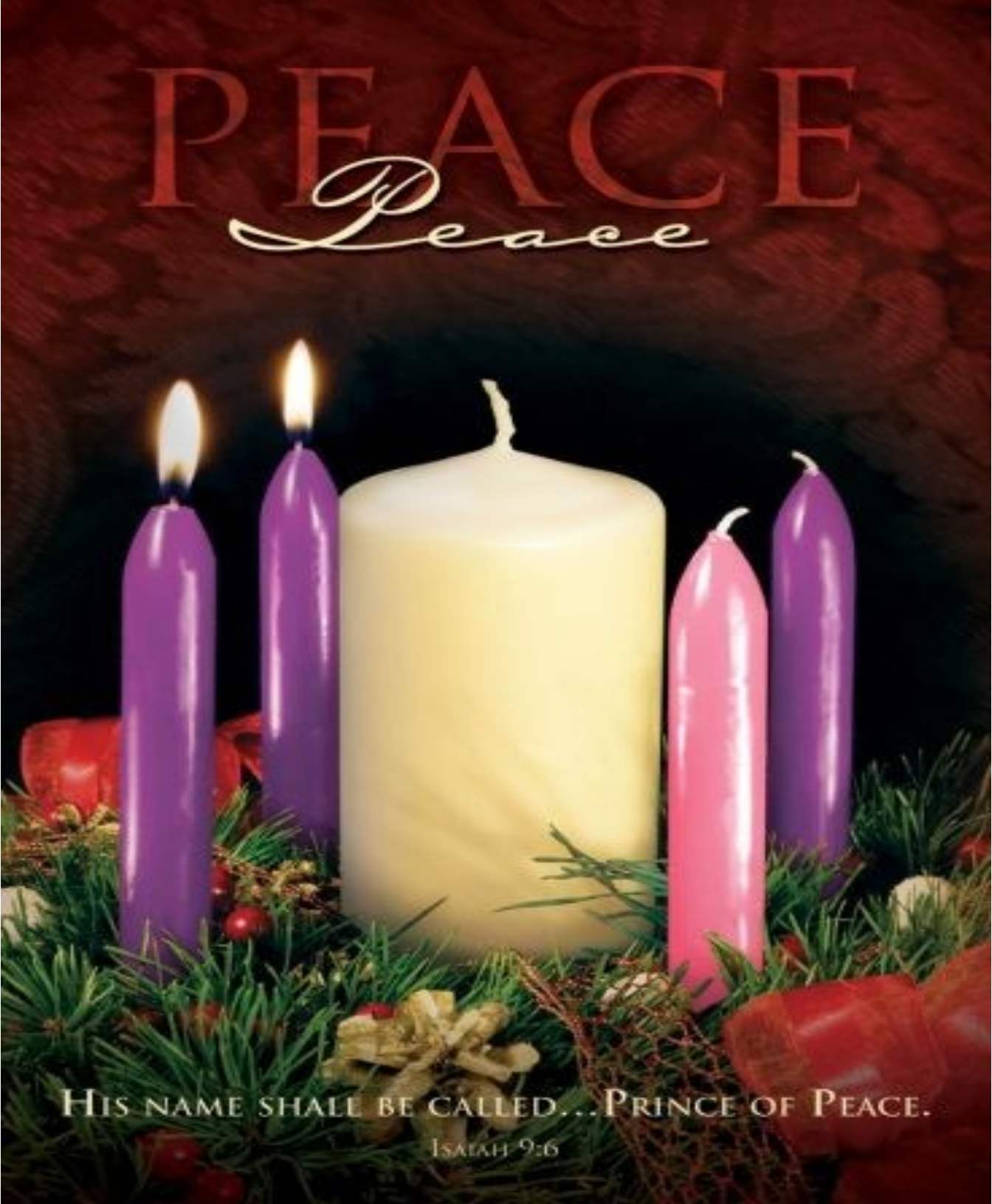
Debbi Ricci.....Administrative Assistant
Jack BrooksGuest Organist



*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

2nd Sunday of Advent. Communion Sunday

December 7, 2025

PRELUDE

People, Look East

Jack Brooks

WELCOME

Liturgist: Kelly Weaver

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 2:10-11)

The Lord will show you a sign. Look, a virgin is with child, and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel, God with us.

And the angel said, "Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all people,

"For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!"

Let us worship God.

— Gathering —

LIGHTING OF THEE ADVENT CANDLE—Louise & Charle Cochran

*HYMN# 110 LOVE HAS COME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Father, you are coming in power to bring nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom. We have lived casual lives and ignored your promised judgment. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve you. Forgive us, for the sake of your faithful servant Jesus, our Savior, whose triumph we want and eagerly wait for. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Isaiah 1:16-18)

Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, ***Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.***

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD.

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Friends hear and believe the good news of the gospel; in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen

*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

PSALTER : RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-9

Bible p. 602, LG p. 784

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:18-25

Bible p. 1, Lg p. 1

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

Joseph

Rev. Steve Newton

—Response—

*HYMN # 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967)

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes our natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. God wills that God’s purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ, and all evil be banished from God’s creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Love Came Down at Christmas

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

—THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.