

—THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(see bulletin insert)

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

Away in a Manger

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 #151

We Three King of Orient Are

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Jack Brooks

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



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Jack Brooks Guest Organist

*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.

JOHN 1:5



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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX
2nd Sunday of Christmas, Communion Sunday

January 4, 2026

— Gathering —

The Star Carol

Jack Brooks

Liturgist: Kathy Porter

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Jeremiah 31)**

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

Give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people."

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion;

They shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

With expectation and joy as we begin a new year, let us worship the living God!

***HYMN#132**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We cry out: "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel," for we are a people in need of saving. You promise to gather your people, but we confess that we want to put limitations on who is saved. We want you to save those we define as strong and beautiful and wise; You call the blind and the lame, the children and those in labor.

Forgive us, O Holy God, for our prejudice and narrow vision. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Forgive us for doubting your promise and declining your invitation. By your Spirit, renew us. Turn our mourning into joy and our sorrow into gladness that we might return to you and your way.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...Hear and Believe this good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Bible p. 690, LG p. 898

Ephesians 1:3-14

Bible p. 180-181, LG p. 234

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-18

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

Blessed by the Light

Bible p. 86, LG p. 111-112

Jimmy Chapman

—Response—

***HYMN # 144**

In the Bleak Midwinter

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The 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,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.***

***Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.***

***God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Snow Lay on the Ground

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**