

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #607**

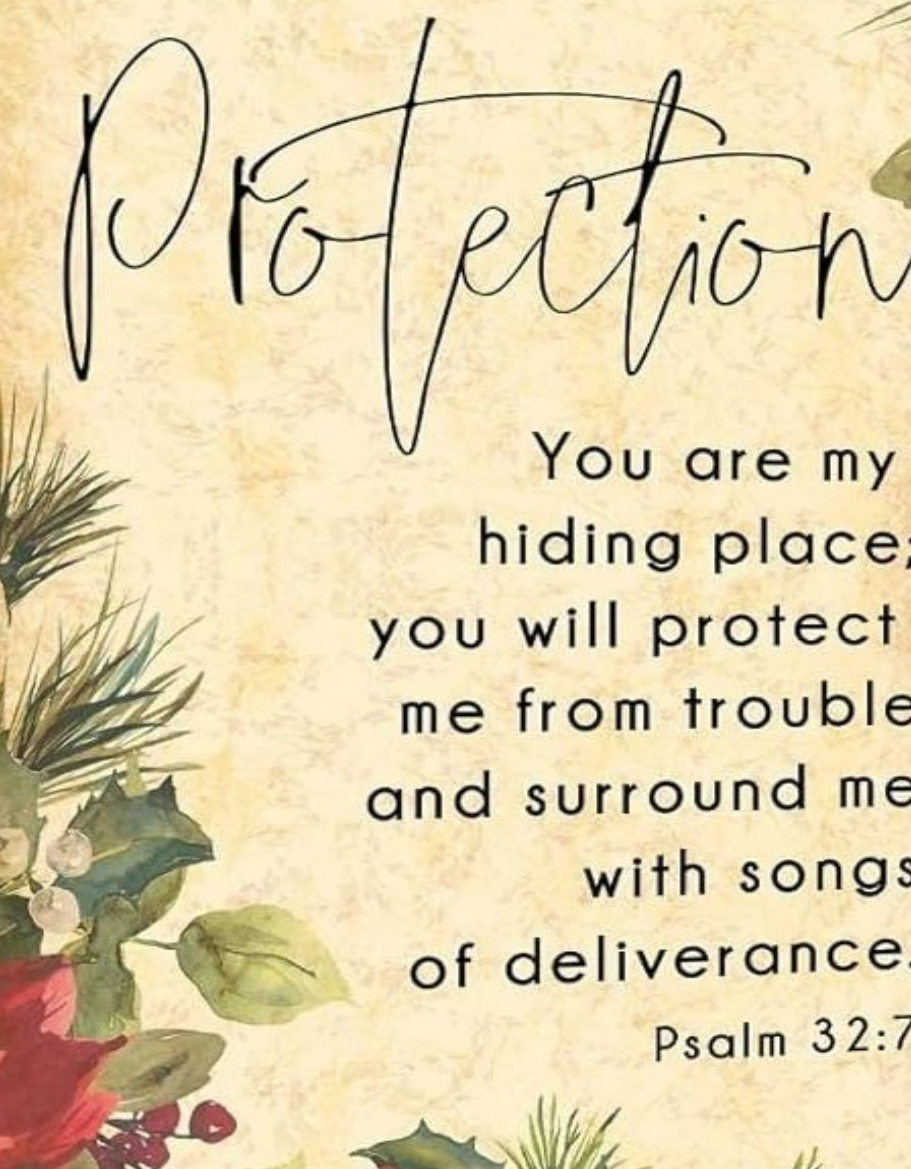
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #611** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

POSTLUDE	Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord	Jack Brooks
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*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



Protection

You are my
hiding place;
you will protect
me from trouble
and surround me
with songs
of deliverance.

Psalm 32:7

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2026

—Gathering—

O Perfect Love

Jack Brooks

Liturgist: Steve Lowe

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, those who greatly delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully redeemed.

We are God’s very own, called together here this day.

Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN# 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith. You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love. But our lives become busy. Following what others do is just easier. And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high. One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now. Forgive us, we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes, and inspire us to be sources of your light in the world. May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

We are blessed to know that very light which breaks forth. We know God’s love and grace through Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we know new life. 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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

Bible p. 4, LG p. 5

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Bible p. 156, LG p. 202-03

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 32

Bible p. 479-80, 623-24

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Shaping Power of Confession—Part 2 Rev. David Reeder

—Response—

*HYMN # 819

Be Still, My Soul

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967)

We believe: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.