

PRAYER

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

—Sending—

*HYMN #166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

...Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!
We quietly depart



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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HENDERSON, TX
Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

— Gathering —

We gather in silence

WELCOME

Liturgist: John Hillin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #218Ah, Holy Jesus

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Bible p. 798, LG p. 1037-1038

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 11-21

Bible p. 5-6, LG p. 6-7

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

Psalms 51:1-17

Bible p. 492-493, Lg p. 640-641

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ash Wednesday

Jimmy Chapman

—Response—

HYMN #688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who 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 OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

CONFESSION

Now let us bow before God, our creator and redeemer, and confess our sin.

O Lord our God, you created us and called us good.

You planted us in the garden of your grace and provided everything we might need.

Yet we are tempted by other fruit and succumb to our own desires.

We sin against you, disobeying your commandments.

We sin against others, causing sorrow and suffering.

We even sin against ourselves, forgetting that we are made in your image.

Forgive us, O Lord our God.

Deliver us from sin and death, strengthen us by your faithfulness, and cover us with your righteousness, that we may turn away from evil and live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!