

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Canon 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

—Sending—

*HYMN # 187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE FORTY DAYS Jack Brooks

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

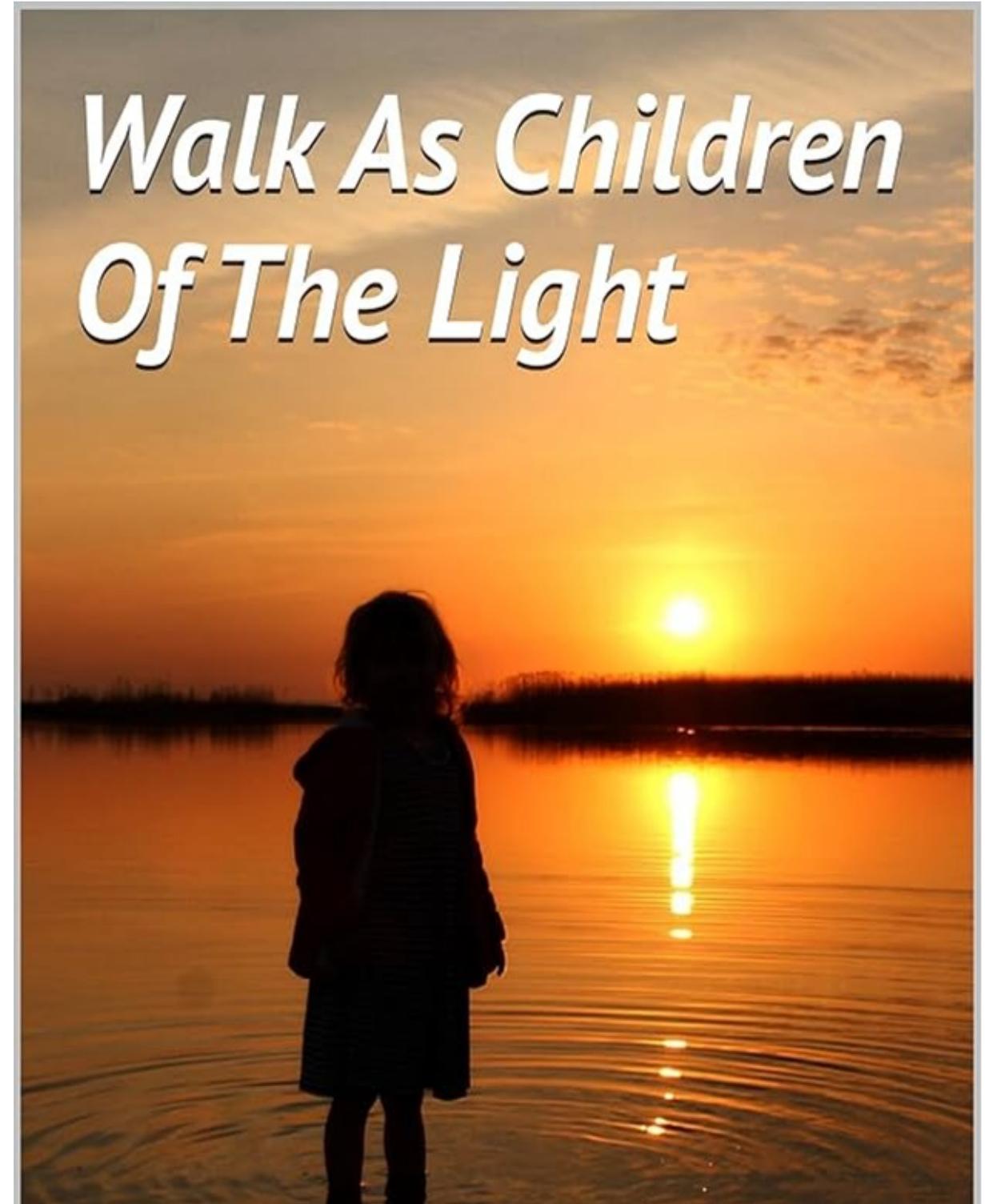


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Jack BrooksGuest Organist

*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

4th Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

—Gathering—

PRELUDE

Prelude on St. Michael

Jack Brooks

WELCOME

Liturgist: Kathy Porter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord:

Who made heaven and earth, and all that is in them.

Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoner free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow,

But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN# 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we continue to want more, blind to the blessings we already possess. We want everything now, blind to the value of patience and hard work. We take so much delight in our own accomplishments that we are blind to people in need. Forgive us! Cleanse us of our entitlement, anxiousness and pride. Help us see the world with your eyes so that we can be people of gratitude, courage and compassion, because of what we see in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

We believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and our sins are remembered no more.

*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

Psalm 23

Bible p. 474-475, LG p. 617

SECOND READING

John 9:35-41

Bible p. 97, LG p. 126

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON TEXT

Ephesians 5:8-14

Bible p. 183, LG p. 237-238

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Children of the Light

Rev. Evan Dolive

—Response—

*HYMN # 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.*