

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Please see insert)

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 Arise, O Lord Our God, Arise 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 #338 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE The Right Hand of God Jack Brooks

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



Nancy Harris.....Administrative Assistant
Jack BrooksGuest Organist

*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

—Gathering —

PRELUDE

Restore in Us, O God

Jack Brooks

WELCOME

Liturgist: John Hillin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

God’s Word lights the way for us.

God has promised to abide with us.

So let us commit to walk in God’s ways.

All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!

*HYMN #451

Open My Eyes That I May See

CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not promise us a life without struggle or hardship; yet how often do we make what is already difficult even more so? Yet the grace of God is that the sorrows we inflict upon ourselves cannot last forever; so, let us unburden ourselves, confessing the ways in which we struggle against God that we may receive that grace anew.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to your reality. Yet we, who have been called “Beloved” by you, often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For those who are in Christ, there is no condemnation; for by Christ’s death and resurrection, God has done what the law and works of human righteousness alone could not: breathed new life through the Holy Spirit into the world, turning it upside down.

Believe this scandalous, joyous good news: through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new life. Alleluia! 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

Holy Creator, the earth is yours, and all that is in it. We give you thanks for the beauty of the earth, for the creatures that fill it, and for your providence, which stands beneath and above and within it all.

Now grant us hearts open to your grace, eyes open to your wonders and ears open to your Holy Word. Let your Holy Spirit dwell with us, that we may be renewed in our commitment to the way, the truth and the life of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

Bible p. 645, Lg p. 839

The Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Psalms 65:9-13

Bible p. 499, Lg p. 649

The Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Bible p. 13, Lg p. 16-17

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Good Sower

Jimmy Chapman

—Response—

*HYMN #451

God of the Fertile Fields

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Barmen Declaration)

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world. So we reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans. Amen.