

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

—The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper —
—See 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

I Come With Joy 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 #729 Lord I Want to be a Christian

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Together We Serve 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*



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 2, 2026

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I will praise you, O Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

Surely God is my salvation! I will trust and not be afraid.

The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #634

To God Be the Glory

Be Thou My Vision

Jack Brooks

Liturgist: Lynn Tieken

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and find in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Sisters and Brothers, this is the good news of the gospel; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

PSALTER

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Bible p. 543-544, LG p. 708

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. Give thanks to the God of gods. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.

To him who alone does great wonders, Who by his understanding made the heavens, Who spread out the earth upon the waters, His love endures forever.

Who made the great lights, The sun to govern the day, The moon and stars to govern the night; His love endures forever.

To the One who remembered us in our low estate And freed us from our enemies, And who gives food to every creature. His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21

Bible p. 103, Lg p. 133

The word of God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

First John 3:1-3

Bible p. 225, Lg p. 291

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

How Baptized Do You Want to Be?

Rev. Steve Newton

—Response—

*HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith 1977)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.

The Bible is the account of God’s word and action in history, together with his people’s response in faith.

It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all.

It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own.

It forms our memory and our hope.

It tells us who we are and what we are to do.

To retell it is to declare what we believe.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Come to the Table of Grace

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.