

*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 Balm in Gilead 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 #839 Blessed Assurance

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Christ Be Beside Me Jack Brooks

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



Nancy Harris.....Administrative Assistant
Jack Brooks..Guest Organist

*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2026

		(*) Please rise in body or in spirit <i>Bold Italic Letters</i> indicate congregational response
PRELUDE	—Gathering — Holy Ground	Jack Brooks
WELCOME	Liturgist: Kelly Weaver	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness. <i>Seek God in the sanctuary.</i> Seek God in the burning bush. <i>Seek God in the burning heart.</i> The Lord is here! This place is holy! <i>We are standing on holy ground.</i>	
*HYMN #336	We Gather Together	
CALL TO CONFESSION	Sin casts us out into the cold, but the warmth of God’s forgiveness welcomes us back. Trusting in God’s love, let us confess our sins to God:	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	<i>God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you do who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world. Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.</i>	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	Hear the good news! New life rises from the ashes. In Christ, your sins are dead and you are alive to all that is good. <i>In Christ, we are made whole; in Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.</i>	

*GLORIA PATRI #581 <i>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.</i>		
—Word—		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	God of light, your wisdom is right here, speaking truth to us in love. We pray for you to open our eyes, our ears and our hearts so we may drink in all that you have for us to learn today.	
FIRST READING	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Bible p. 756, Lg p. 984
The Word of God. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>		
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 25:31-46	Bible p. 27-28, Lg p.35
The Word of God for the people of God. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>		
SERMON	The Kingdom of Love —Response—	Evan Dolive
*HYMN #306	Blest Be the Tie	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Confession of 1967)	God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God’s dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, transcendence and awe-fulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for a personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		