

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 Shall We Gather at the River 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 #8 Eternal Father

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE We Shall Go Out with Joy 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
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026

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

PRELUDE	— <i>Gathering</i> — Lift High the Cross	Jack Brooks
WELCOME	Liturgist: Suzanne Cross	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Upon Mount Horeb, Elijah heard the voice of God, not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. <i>Holy God, quiet our minds and our hearts, rid us of distraction, so we can hear you and know you among us.</i>	
*HYMN #353	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	
CALL TO CONFESSION	We return to God through confession. Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.	
*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

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

FIRST READING	1 Kings 19:9-18	Bible p. 311, Lg p. 404-405
The Word of God. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>		
SECOND READING	Romans 10:5-15	Bible p. 149-150, Lg p.194
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GOSPEL READING	Matthew 14:22-33	Bible p. 15, Lg p. 19
The Word of God for the people of God. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>		

SERMON	Faith and Fear —Response—	Jimmy Chapman
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*HYMN #834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from a Brief Statement of Faith)
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.
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