

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

Adagio

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 #81**

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God and God Alone

Jack Brooks

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

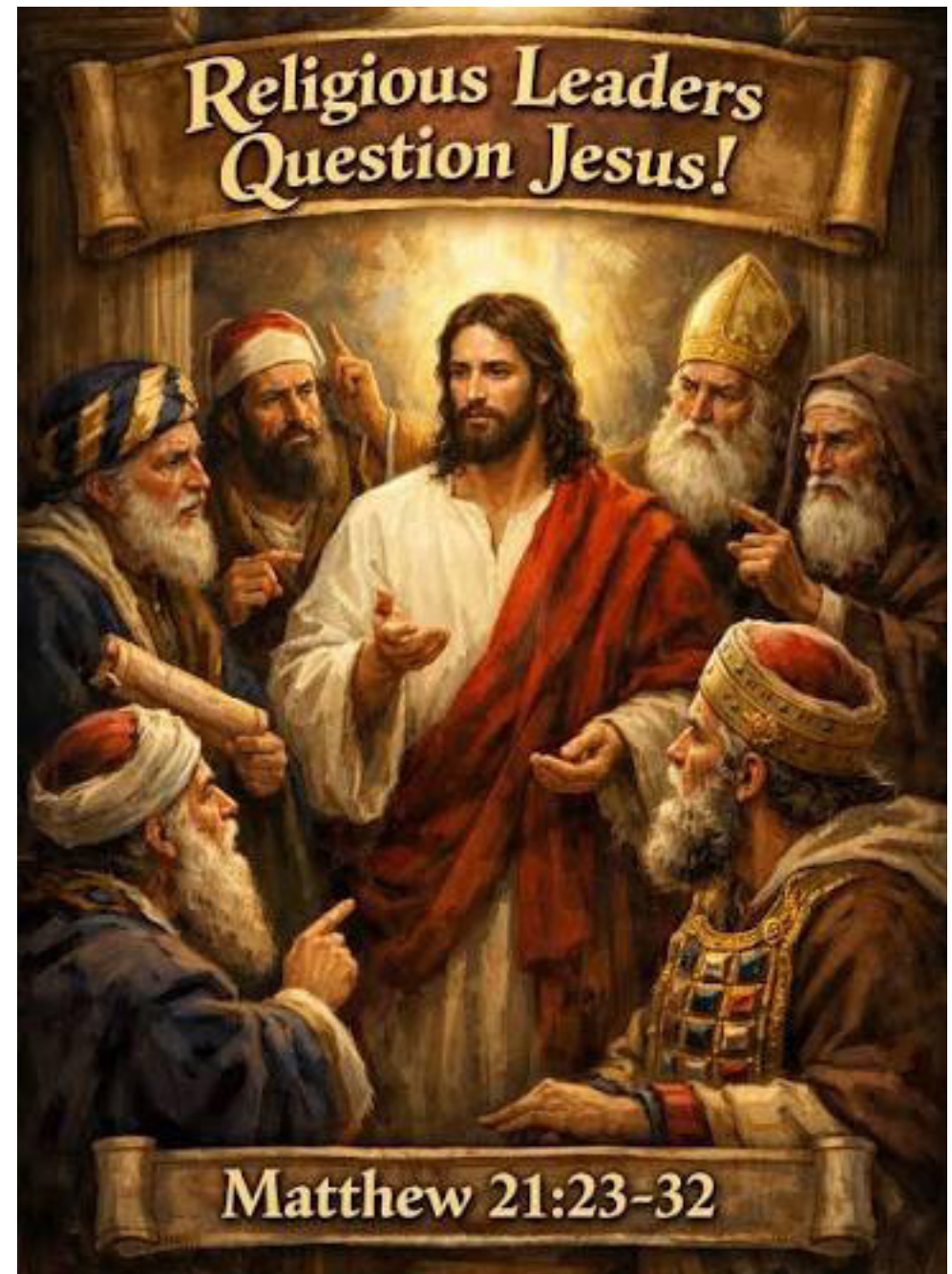


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*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2026

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Canon in E flat Jack Brooks

WELCOME Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Why do you come to this place?
We seek the path of righteousness and truth.
Do you come ready to hear and learn giving attention to God’s Word?
We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from the one whose authority is founded on God’s love.
Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God’s house, built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and witness.

***HYMN #475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CALL TO CONFESSION
What burdens your spirit? what regret or hurt do you carry today? Together, let us confess that which does not give us life and take up, instead, the love and grace of god.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don’t change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another. Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Friends, believe this good news, in Christ we are new creations. We are forgiven; we are set free; and we are made ready to live the living Word.

***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
God of life and light, illumine our hearts and spirits and attune us to the reading and hearing of your word. May our hearing be discerning and may this proclamation be faithful and, in all things, may we approach your word with joy and humility. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 17:1-7 Bible p. 61, Lg p. 79
The word of God.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:1-13 Bible p. 186, Lg p. 240-241
The word of God.
Thanks be to God.

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:23-32 Bible p. 22, Lg p. 28-29
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Will and Grace Rev. Jim Dees

—Response—

***HYMN #630** Fairest Lord Jesus

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles’ Creed*)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...Listening God, ***hear our prayer...***