

—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 **Now the Silence** **Jack Brooks**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for meeting us at this table and feeding us with your grace. Having received the bread of life and the cup of salvation, strengthen us to become what we have received: the body of Christ for the world. Send us out with grateful hearts, courageous spirits, and lives shaped by your love, until all creation is gathered into the flourishing and fullness of your peace. Amen.

—Sending—

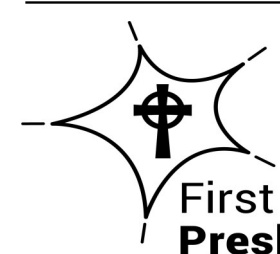
***HYMN #321** **The Church’s One Foundation**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Filled and fed by the bounty of god’s table, the spirit sends us into the world to live, love and serve as christ’s disciples
As we go, may God, the creator, redeemer and sustainer, bless us with faith, hope, peace and love. Amen.

POSTLUDE **Peace of God Be With You** **Jack Brooks**

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



**First
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Henderson, Texas

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*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 4, 2026

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE	Morning Has Broken	Jack Brooks
WELCOME	Liturgist: Liz Cross	
*CALL TO WORSHIP People will come from east and west, <i>from north and south,</i> and will eat in the kingdom of God. <i>Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.</i>		
*HYMN #667	When Morning Gilds the Skies	
CALL TO CONFESSION Sin is our stumbling block. repentance clears the way to hear and receive God’s truth. let us confess our sins together.		
PRAYER OF CONFESSION <i>Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free our world for Jubilee. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and peoples may thrive. Amen.</i>		
ASSURANCE OF PARDON Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a newvlife has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 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		
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	1 Thessalonians 5:12-24	Bible p. 193, Lg p. 250

The word of God. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>		
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 10:38-42	Bible p. 67, Lg p. 87-88
The word of God for the people of God. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>		
SERMON	Martha	Rev. Steve Newton
—Response—		
*HYMN #498	Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (<i>Nicene Creed</i>) <i>We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.</i>		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	When I Survey the Wonderous Cross	Jack Brooks
*DOXOLOGY #607 <i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.</i>		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		