

LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who 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.*

BREAKING THE BREAD TOGETHER AND SHARING THE CUP

[THE PEOPLE MAY PRAY IN SILENCE]

*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.*

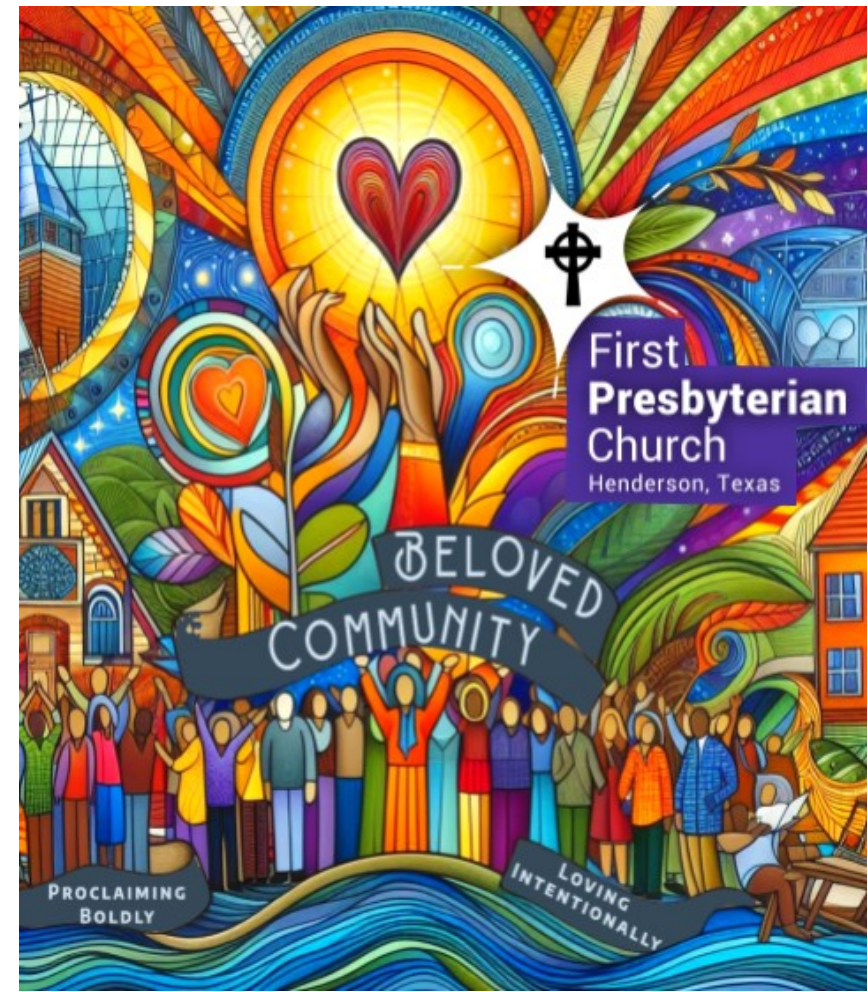
***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Lamb of God, *have mercy upon us.*
Jesus, bearer of our sins, *have mercy upon us.*
Jesus, redeemer of the world, *grant us peace.*
God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Sending—

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*We depart in peace.
You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.*



First
Presbyterian
Church
Henderson, Texas

August 4, 2024

11th Sunday after Pentecost

— Gathering —



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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PRELUDE

Come to the Table of Grace

Joshua Allen

WELCOME

Liturgist: Kathy Porter

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

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

***HYMN #670** From the Rising of the Sun

CONFESSION

You have given Christ as a covenant to the nations, O God, yet your people continue to live at war. Your prophets proclaim justice and peace, yet we swell amid hostility and oppression. You judge your people with fairness; we implore you to have mercy upon us. Give sight to the eyes that are blind to your truth. Enlighten our darkness, that we may behold you even in the midst of our enemies. Free us from seeking our own grandeur, so that in humility we may live at peace with your people.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (PSALM 130:3-4)

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.
Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel, for 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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 25:1-5

In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.
I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.
Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

FIRST READING Ephesians 4:11-15

Bible p. 182, LG p. 236

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

REFRAIN

More than Anything (Mohr)

Ensemble

SECOND READING

Judges 11:29-35

Bible p. 220, LG p. 285

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jephthah's Tragic Faith

Rev. Steve Newton

—Response—

***HYMN #693**

The Gift of Love (Though I May Speak)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Confession of 19687, 9:34-35)**

The institutions of the people of God change and vary as their mission requires in different times and places. The unity of the church is compatible with a wide variety of forms, but it is hidden and distorted when variant forms are allowed to harden into sectarian divisions, exclusive denominations, and rival factions.

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

More Than Anything (Mohr)

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***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**

—THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*
Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*