

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39, Book of Common Worship)

*We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

...God of our salvation, *hear our prayers.*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Prepare the Way, O Zion **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**

**HOLY COMMUNION** (SEE BULLETIN INSERT)

—Sending—

**\*HYMN #475** Come, Thou Fount of every Blessing

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Savior of the Nations, Come **Jack Brooks**

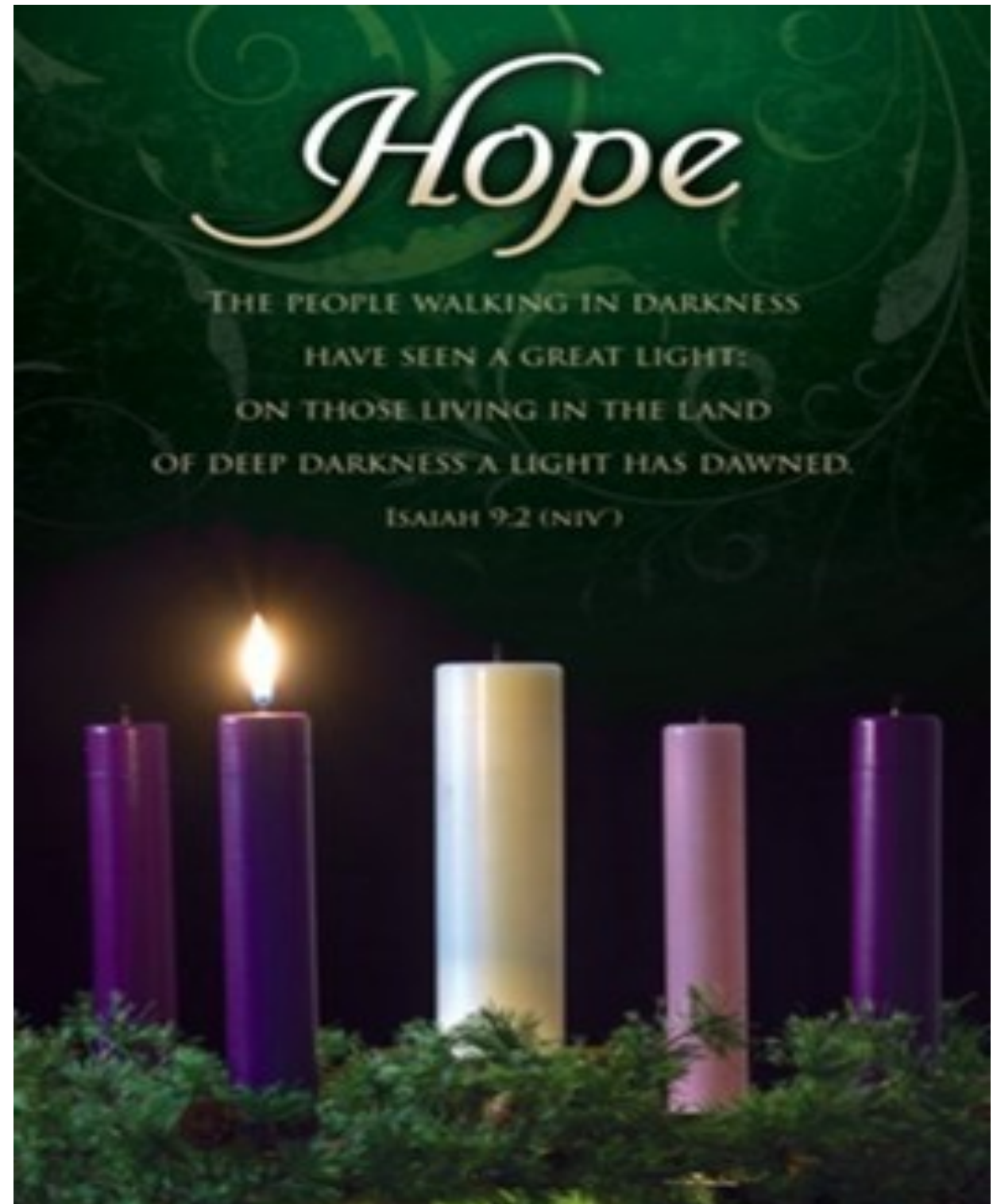
*You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.*



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit

*Bold Italic Letters* indicate congregational response

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Jack Brooks

WELCOME

Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 42:1-4a)

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen in whom my soul delights

*I have put my Spirit upon him, and he will bring forth justice to the nations.*

He will not cry or lift his voice, or make it heard in the streets.

*A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench.*

He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth.

*Let us worship God.*

\*HYMN #83

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*God of the future, you are coming to bring all nations under your rule.*

*We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.*

*We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us.*

*Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:1,3)

Our assurance is this:

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

*For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh could not do. God sent a Savior, who redeems us of all unworthiness.*

Friends, this is the good news!

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—

RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING:

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

*Stir up your might, and come to save us!*

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?*

You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

*You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.*

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.*

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

*Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

Bible p. 652-653, LG p. 849-850

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

SECOND READING

Mark 13:24-36

Bible p. 47-48, LG p. 61-62

The word of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Watch

Rev. Steve Newton

—Response—

\*HYMN #384

Soon and Very Soon