

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Wait for the Lord 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 #611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Comfort, Comfort Now My People 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

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

— Gathering —

PRELUDE
WELCOME

While We Are Waiting, Come

Jack Brooks
Liturgist: Jan Pennal

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*HYMN #93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

CONFESSION

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace.
You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray.
We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word.
We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing.
Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts,
strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees
as we seek to follow in your holy way.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

The word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 35:1-10

Bible p. 623, LG p. 811

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:39-56

Bible p. 53-54, 69-70

SERMON

Jumping for Joy

Rev. Kenny Rigoulot

—Response—

*HYMN # 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed)

*We believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified dead, and buried;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*