

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Star Carol

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 # 744

Arise Your Light Is Come

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

Jack Brooks

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

Debbi Ricci.....Administrative Assistant

Guest OrganistJack Brooks



**First
Presbyterian
Church**
Henderson, Texas



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX

**Epiphany of the Lord
and Holy Communion**

January 5, 2025

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Some Children See Him

Jack Brooks

WELCOME

Liturgist: John Tieken

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Nations shall come to your light
And rulers to the brightness of your rising.

*HYMN #143

Angels from the Realms of Glory

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

***God of glory,
You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, To reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from
the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.***

***In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that,
forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Gospel of John reminds us that “from Christ’s fullness, we have all received grace upon grace.” Hear this good news with joy: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and, in Him, all things are being made new. **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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Bible p. 649, LG p. 844

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Bible p. 1-2, LG p. 2

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

SERMON

Authenticity in Our Journey

Crosby Fleming

—Response—

*HYMN #151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Inclusive Language Text of the Confession of 1967)

“In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.

He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.”