—Installation and Ordination—

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which 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 Take Me to the Water 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 # 482 Baptized in Water

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Out of Deep, Unordered Water Jack Brooks

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

Debbi Ricci......Administrative Assistant
Jack BrooksGuest Organist



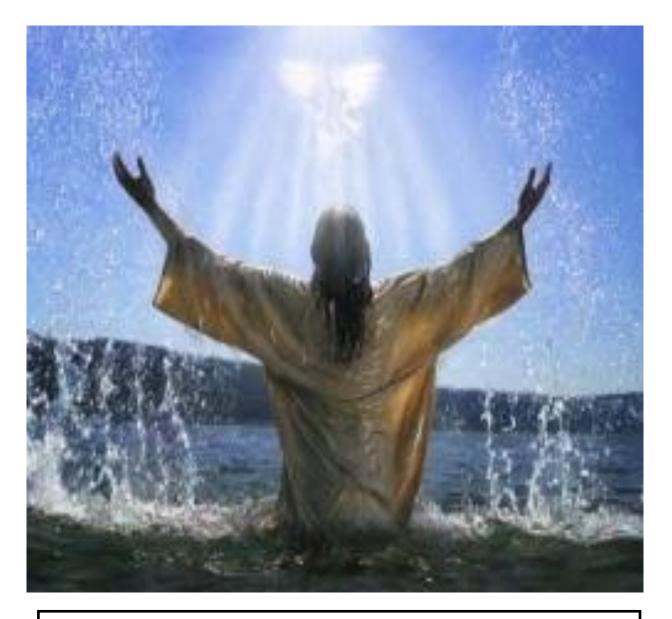
Serving God,

Honoring Creation,

Embracing Differences



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX

Baptism of the Lord

And Installation/Ordination of Elders

January 12, 2025

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Come, Thou Fount Jack Brooks
WELCOME Liturgist: Carol Scoggins

*CALL TO WORSHIP

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

*HYMN #408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other.

But we exclude and reject those we deem different.

You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate.

You liberate us and lead us in Christ's path of peace,

but we build walls and invest in guns and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic.

Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways.

Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 43:1-7
 Bible p. 631-632, LG p. 822

 SECOND READING
 ACTS 8:14-17
 Bible p. 118, LG p. 153-154

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Bible p. 56, LG p. 73

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Baptism and the Holy Spirit Jimmy Chapman

-Response-

*HYMN #69 Here I Am, Lord

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.