

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...Receive the peace of the complete pardon of Christ. **Amen.**

***IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Remember Not, O God

Jack Brooks

PRAYER

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

—Sending—

***HYMN #824**

There is a Place of Quiet Rest

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

...Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
We quietly depart



Debbi Ricci.....Administrative Assistant
Jack BrooksGuest Musician



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differ-*



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(* Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

— Gathering —

We gather in silence

WELCOME

Jimmy Chapman, Commissioned Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God. God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

God's love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God's love endures forever.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN #218**

Ah, Holy Jesus

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

Bible p. 647, LG p. 841-842

SECOND READING

Psalms 51:1-17

Bible p. 492-493, LG p. 640-641

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Bible p. 5-6, LG p. 6-7

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ash Wednesday

Jimmy Chapman

—Response—

HYMN #688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Remember, You Are Dust...and Hopeful”

Creative and creating God, who forms life from stardust and earth, we hear the ancient words of scripture: “Remember you are dust and to dust you will return.” As we face our mortality and fragility, we witness the fleeting nature of all things. Yet in the midst of what is passing away, we encounter a Love that will never pass away. In life, in death, in life beyond death, your steadfast love endures forever. So from the dust that marks both origin and destiny, we lift up our prayers with faithful confidence, saying...

...God who forms life from dust, we remember.

We are dust, and we are hopeful

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 OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

CONFESSION

Now let us bow before God, our creator and redeemer, and confess our sin.

Righteous God, we join with worshipers all over the globe, uniting in our collective agreement that we desire to be more like you—more loving, more compassionate, more generous, more just, more patient, more faithful. And as we focus our gaze upon your perfection, we cannot help but witness the ways in which we focus our gaze upon your perfection, we cannot help but witness the ways in which we fail to live according to that standard, both individually and collectively. We have failed on a global scale, perpetuating systems that damage whole groups of people, whole species of creation, and whole generations of children. (Silence is kept)

We have failed on an individual scale in ways only we know in our minds and hearts. (Silence)

So, we confess these sins with full conviction that you bear our sins with compassion and completion. And when we confess our sins, we find liberation from the chains binding us. We pray these things in the name of the one who delivers us from sin. Amen.