

Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 a.m.

Austin, Texas

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

WELCOME *Please sign the friendship register at this time and pass it down the row, then return it to its original position, noting the names of those worshipping with you. At the conclusion of the service, take time to greet one another in the name of Christ.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Zechariah 9:9

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: **Triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

All: **On a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hymn 267

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) **Our Father, we confess that we have joined with the Palm Sunday crowds, welcoming Christ and singing his praises, thinking that he has come to fulfill our desires and expectations. Then we too have shouted, "Crucify Him!" when we discover that he has come to call us to obedience and personal sacrifice. Father, forgive us, for we know not what we do. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PARDON

*RESPONSE TO OUR FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)

Hymn 734

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40, 45-48

New Testament, page 854

SERMON

Actively Receive

Thomas Daniel

** Those who are able, please stand*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Hymn 446

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

*PARTING HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!
(stanza 1 and 2)

Hymn 268

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue your road with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship

Jon Wasson at 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 and Jill Williams at 11:05

Lay Liturgists – Jean Brender at 8:15, Bretna Hackert at 9:30, Cindy Young at 11:00

Pianists – Louise Avant and John Schmidt

Daniel Izquierdo preaching at 11:30 at Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó (our sister church in Cuba)

Thomas Daniel preaching at 11:05 in the contemporary worship service

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Lindsey Sartain, Evan Westerburg and Sydney Langley in loving memory of Will Langley on the occasion of his April 13th birthday.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Jane and Skip Crowe in loving memory of their son, Ward Thomas Crowe.

Easter Week Services at Covenant

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST – A fun breakfast will be served on the patio for early church-goers after the 6:30 a.m. sunrise service and until 8:00 a.m.

Holy Week Services:

Monday, April 15: Noon service and lunch

Tuesday, April 16: Noon service and lunch

Wednesday, April 17: Noon service and lunch

Maundy Thursday, In Homes, April 18: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
(See below for more information)

Good Friday, April 19: 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services, April 21:

Sunrise Service: Patio 6:30 a.m.

Traditional Services: Sanctuary at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Contemporary Services: FE 200 at 9:30 and 11:05 a.m.

On Easter Sunday, please take advantage of our parking shuttle to open spaces for our many expected visitors. The shuttle will run from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FORMATION COHORTS FORMING NOW - Come and learn more on the patio today.

Three new cohorts will begin a year-long journey to establish rhythms of spiritual and missional practices in January of 2020.

Each formation cohort is made up of 15 to 20 men and women who participate in four retreats, monthly cohort video calls, and short weekly spiritual practices.

Find information and express interest during the month of April at covenant.org/IMF.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – Again this year, Covenant will observe and celebrate

Jesus' last evening with his disciples on Maundy Thursday, April 18, from 6 to 8 p.m.

We will meet in homes throughout Austin for an evening of fellowship, a potluck meal and communion. These will be informal gatherings for the whole family, though a few homes will be designated adults only.

For more information and to sign-up online, go to covenant.org/maundythursday2019.

Contact Kathryn Sedberry at ksedberry@covenant.org with questions.

COVENANT ALL CHURCH PICNIC – Sunday, April 28th, 4-8 p.m. at the Skaggs Ranch (13600 FM 1826).

Bring your own food for your family and cookies to share. Drinks will be provided.

Come prepared for kickball, swimming in the creek, and more.

Find directions on the web at covenant.org/annual-church-picnic.

For more information about events at Covenant, please see *Covenant Matters*.

NEW TO COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

Welcome! We are thankful you have chosen to worship with us today! Please introduce yourself by signing the red welcome booklet in each pew. Find out more about our community at the coffee bar in FE200 following the service. Our prayer is that Covenant becomes your second family. We want you to feel comfortable here and hope that we can help you find ways to grow in your faith. For more information on Covenant's many groups, programs, and events, head up to the coffee bar in our Fellowship & Education Building to visit with Amy Skaggs or contact her at askaggs@covenant.org. Amy is eager to meet and discuss ways of connecting. You can also find out more by visiting our website at covenant.org.

Four services of worship are offered each Sunday — 8:15 a.m. (a traditional communion service), 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (traditional services) and 11:05 a.m. (contemporary service). A shuttle service carries worshipers from the parking lot at the Texan Eye Center at 5717 Balcones Drive at Northland Drive, two blocks west of campus. Shuttle service runs from 7:55 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

COVENANT PRAYS

Prayers of sympathy and support: Family and friends of Tony Moreno on his death on April 10.

Gail and Howard Neal, family and friends, on the death of Howard's father, William Howard Neal, on March 29.

Betty Chapman, family and friends, on the death of her husband, TJ Chapman, on March 27.

Family and friends of Marjoree Bryant on her death on March 26.

Julie and Gary Stillwell, family and friends, on the death of their daughter, Caroline Booth, on March 24.

Dorothy Layne, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Len Layne, on March 22.

Julie and Robert Bou, family and friends, on the death of Julie's mother, Del Hagman, on March 21.

Prayers for recently hospitalized: Lynn Beierle, Jane Hoffman, Tom Murphy, Helen Turnquist, Claire Williams.

Prayers for: Kurt and Darla Martens, Lynn and Patrick, Page Harris, Richard Swallow, John Erlewine, Jackson Sutton, Marie Burns, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Laurel Ross, Ray Hustead, Dick McCracken, Jeff Rogers, Sr., Larry Madson, Bill McGavran, Bridget Lonseth, Tana Taylor, Louis Anderson, Priscilla and David Phinney, Bob Sebesta, David Pena, Dave Ferguson, Louise Saxon, Jessica Mann Charters, Riley Furlong.

Prayers for people serving in our country's armed forces: Lt. Will Beckham, USAF 2LT Gonzalo Hernando, USMC Capt. Katherine Ashton, USA Sgt. Jessica Choe, USA 2LT Ben Smith, USN LCDR Bryan Gunkel, USAF Lt. Katy Deiters, USAF A1C Taylor Cotham, USA Maj. Seth Pruett, USA Capt. Matt Irwin, USN LCDR Austin Wade Latour, USAF Lt. Col. Joseph Chennault, USA SFC Kevin Guy.

Prayers requested by or for our sister church, Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó, in Havana Cuba: Pray for Dorita & Zaida. Pray for holy week preparations. ¡Alabanzas al Señor! From Pastor Abel: Please pray for the grave and very difficult situation in Cuba about which there is great uncertainty. Our hope is only in God. From Pastor Daniel: Prayers for wisdom, so that the church can bear witness and hope.

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: The Word at Work-Belize and Michelle Verrill at InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

Prayers requested by the Session: Lord, transform us this week as we move from celebration to grief and horror and ultimately to resurrection and abundant life.

Although prayer requests will be removed from this listing after three weeks, please contact Kay Austin in the church office, 512 334-3030, or kaustin@covenant.org, if prayer continues to be requested.

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