

Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m.

Austin, Texas

March 31, 2019

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Chorale Chaconne on "Mit Freuden Zart"

James Biery

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 31

Leader: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge.

People: Do not let us be put to shame.

Leader: In your righteousness, deliver us.

People: Be a rock of refuge for us, great God!

All: You are a strong fortress and we worship you!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Let All Creation Bless the Lord

Hymn 25

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) **We confess, our Father, that Jesus Christ is our Lord, and that we struggle to live obediently under his lordship. It is our sin that put Jesus on the cross. Our selfishness. Our gossiping. Our unwillingness to share from what You have provided us. Our inability to consistently do what we know to be right and our continuing to give into what we know to be wrong. Forgive us. Cleanse us. And set us free from shame and guilt we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PARDON

*RESPONSE TO OUR FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)

Hymn 734

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

ANTHEM

Praise His Holy Name
The Sanctuary Choir

Keith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name! Sing till the power...

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name! Sing till the power...

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:11-19

New Testament, page 852

SERMON

But It's Not November

Thomas Daniel

**Those who are able, please stand*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Hymn 93

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

What Wondrous Love is This
The Sanctuary Choir

Mark Patterson

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
And to the great I AM, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

What wondrous love is this!
W. Walker, Southern Harmony

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION 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

We Praise You, O God

Hymn 726

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Pastorale on "Kremser"

Robert J. Powell

Assisting in Worship

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

Lay Liturgists – Mike Austin at 8:15, Daniel Tomlin at 11:00

The Sanctuary Choir – Louise Avant, Interim Director

Organist – 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.

Encouraging one another to follow Jesus
wherever we live, work, and play.

ANNUAL MEETING – The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 12:10 p.m. in FE 200 (immediately following the 11:05 worship service).

Boxed lunches will be available for the first 75 individuals. A donation of \$6 per meal is suggested.

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.

BE A SOMEBODY! - Children and Family Ministry invites you to Be a Somebody in the life of a child by volunteering for Vacation Bible School. In June, we are looking for 25 volunteers to lead, connect, mentor and serve. All 5-day volunteers will receive lunch and inspiration each day.

Visit our table on the patio for a treat and more information.

EXPLORE MEMBERSHIP – Are you considering membership at Covenant?

Upcoming classes will be on two Wednesdays, April 3 and 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. in CO 208.

For more information, contact Amy Skaggs at askaggs@covenant.org.

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 for recently hospitalized: Tom Murphy, Page Harris, Richard Swallow.

Prayers of sympathy and support: Betty Chapman, family and friends, on the death of her husband, TJ Chapman, on March 27. Memorial service will be at Covenant at 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 1.

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

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

Dorothy Layne, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Len Layne, on March 22. Memorial service will be at Covenant at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 7.

Laura and Joel Wommack, family and friends, on the death of Joel's grandmother, Chris Wommack, on March 14.

Jennifer and Ryan Palm, family and friends, on the death of Jennifer's father, Jim Clayton, on March 13.

Prayers for: Helen Turnquist, Jackson Sutton, Marie Burns, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Laurel Ross, Ray Husted, 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: Continued prayers for Melisa Olivera and Silvia Fondén. Pray for safe travels for Yamila, Yamilet, Daniel y Nilda. ¡Alabanzas al Señor!

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: Samaritan Counseling Center and Chris Fisher at East Austin Young Life.

Prayers requested by the Session: Lord, give us a sense of community that stretches far beyond any perceived differences between individuals to include all of your beloved children.

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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