

Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m.

Austin, Texas

January 6, 2019

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Prelude on "The Call"

Michael Burkhardt

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.

PRAISING GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 18

Leader: We love you Lord!

People: You are our rock, our fortress, our deliverer!

Leader: You are the One who offers us refuge.

People: You alone are worthy to be praised!

All: Let us join our hearts and voices in worship of God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Hymn 243

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) Here we are, Lord, not even a week into the New Year. Many of us have already broken the resolutions we made. Some of us didn't even bother to make any. Few of us are optimistic about the possibility of real change in our lives. Forgive us, Lord, for such cynicism. Forgive us also for believing that the change needed must come from ourselves. Let this be for us a New Year of openness to your love in Jesus Christ, and to the change for the better he can effect in us. We pray in his name. Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

Craig Phillips

Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The staff ends with a double bar line.

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.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Arthur Olaf Andersen

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, Love most bright.
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings!
Where the flock in Thee confiding drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

translation of Martin Jahn's "Jesu, meiner Seelen Wonne"

* Those who are able, please stand

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

New Testament, page 836

SERMON

How God Sees Us

Thomas Daniel

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

We All Are One in Mission

Hymn 552

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams
setting by Tom Mitchell

The Sanctuary Choir

Jordan Van de Vere, *soloist*

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as conquers death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength; such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes a guest.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, God of love, have mercy on me.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

God of love, have mercy on me.
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.

*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

I Come with Joy
(stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 5)

Hymn 706

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Epilogue on "Dix"

William H. Harris

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

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

Lay Liturgists – Mike Austin at 8:15, Daniel Tomlin at 9:30 and Cindy Young at 11:00

The Sanctuary Choir – Louise Avant, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, January 13, 2019.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of Election of Elders, Deacons and Trustees. Sunday, January 13, 2019, at 12:10 p.m. (immediately following the 11:00 and 11:05 worship services) in FE 200.

PRAYER VIGIL – Covenant will hold a 30-hour prayer vigil from 7 a.m. on January 25 to 1 p.m. on January 26.

This vigil coincides with the start of a new year and the FEB debt elimination celebration.

Online sign-up available at covenant.org/prayervigil.

EXPLORE MEMBERSHIP – Are you considering membership at Covenant?

Upcoming classes will be on Sundays, Feb. 3, 10, 17, and 24

from 9:30-10:45am in FE 100. For more information, contact Amy Skaggs at askaggs@covenant.org.

Register online at covenant.org/explore-membership.

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 worshippers 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: Kay Sockol, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Harry Sockol, on January 2.

Kathy and Tom McClure, family and friends, on the death of Kathy's mother, Bam Benning, on December 31.

Beth and Fred Voorhees, family and friends, on the death of Beth's mother Mary Daniel on December 19.

Cheryl and Bill Banks, family and friends, on the death of Bill's Aunt Tommie on December 4, and their ex-sister-in-law, Glenda Smith on December 18.

Prayers for: Chuck Cooley, Bob Sebesta, David Pena, Fred Conder, Walter Bell, Dave Ferguson, Catherine Cole-Brown, Laurie Ann Kussad, Stephanie Meyer Peabody, Helen Paust, Claribel Sebesta, Pam Kirby, Louise Saxon, Joanne Myers, T.J. Chapman, June Briney, Linda Jo Donley, Bridget Lonseth, Suzanne McIntosh, Jessica Mann Charters, Lauren Honza, Marie Burns, Maury Mendenhall, Gloria and Tony Moreno, Riley Furlong, Erin and Jason Young, Ed Pierson, Jim Clayton, David Phinney.

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: Prayers for Pupito, who has returned to the hospital, Zaida, and PG Neria Hernandez. Praise God for the miraculous healing of Georgina Piñeiro. Prayers of thanksgiving for the partnership between beloved people of our two churches. Prayers for improved relations between our two countries. ¡Alabanzas a Dios!

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: International Justice Mission and Skip Crowe at Search Ministries.

Prayers requested by the Session: Jesus, as we start the year surrounded by resolutions, remind us to seek you and the joy that is found only in relationship with you.

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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