

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

11:00 a.m.

Austin, Texas

January 13, 2018

## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

*Regal Procession*  
The Pro Musica Handbell Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

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 125

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like a mighty mountain.

**People: We trust and cannot be moved.**

Leader: The Lord surrounds His people to offer protection.

**People: We trust that God will be with us through good times and bad.**

**All: Come and let us worship our God who is faithful!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Hymn 87

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 5:17-26*

New Testament, page 836

SERMON

*You Need to Try This*

Thomas Daniel

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*The Servant Song*

BEACH SPRING TUNE

**We are trav'lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.  
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.  
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Blessing*  
The Pro Musica Handbell Choir

Paul McKelveen

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(silent confession...)* Almighty God, you love us but we have not loved you. You call us but we do not listen. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, with greed. God our Father, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

David Johnson



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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

*A Jubilant Song*

Allen Pote

The Sanctuary Choir

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.  
Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad,  
Let the heavens be filled with joy, and a jubilant song.  
Sing alleluia to the Lord, alleluia!  
Tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Shout his marvelous works among the people,  
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.  
Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born,  
From age to age you are God, and we pray for the coming of your Kingdom.  
We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives.  
*(based on Psalms 90 and 96)*

\*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

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

Hymn 93

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Nettleton*

Craig Phillips

## **Assisting in Worship**

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

Lay Liturgists – Laura Mendenhall at 8:15, Bretna Hackert at 9:30, Julie Bou at 11:00

The Pro Musica Handbell Choir – Linda Rutherford, director

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 by Annette Dow in memory of her beloved husband, Jerry Dow.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Melissa Ream and the Ream family in honor of Charlotte Ream's birthday, January 9, 1923 and R. Scott Ream's birthday, January 13, 1947.*

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

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### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – Today, January 13, 2019.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of Election of Elders, Deacons and Trustees.

Today, January 13, 2019, at 12:10 p.m. (immediately following the 11:00 and 11:05 worship services) in FE 200.

**MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! AND PRAYER VIGIL** – Mission Accomplished! Covenant's Debt Relief Celebration is Sunday, January 27 at 12:15 p.m. There will be food trucks, a short presentation and some surprises!!

The activities will be outside on the patio and in FE 200.

Preceding this celebration, we'll have a 30-hour prayer vigil in the Sanctuary from 7 a.m. Friday (Jan. 25) to 1 p.m. Saturday (Jan. 26).

We'll use this time to thank God for all that we have and ask Him what His vision is for Covenant.

Sign-up on the patio today between worship services or online sign-up is available at [covenant.org/prayervigil](http://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](mailto:askaggs@covenant.org).

Register online at [covenant.org/explore-membership](http://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 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 celebration and joy:** Max Anthony Maiberger, born December 20. Parents are Ashley and Scott Maiberger.

**Prayers of sympathy and support:** Winnie Gage, family and friends, on the death of her brother, Don McIver, on January 7.

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.

**Recently Hospitalized:** Helen Paust, Lois Davis, Chuck Cooley

**Prayers for:** Denise Dvorak, Lou Quinius, AJ MacNeill, Jerry Beck, Bob Sebesta, David Pena, Fred Conder, Walter Bell, Dave Ferguson, Catherine Cole-Brown, Laurie Ann Kussad, Stephanie Meyer Peabody, Pam Kirby, Louise Saxon, Joanne Myers, T.J. Chapman, 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:** Religious Coalition to Assist the Homeless and Don Davis and Matthew Podrebarac at Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

**Prayers requested by the Session:** Lord, we give thanks for the new classes of elders, deacons, and trustees that answered Your call. Be with each of them as they begin their training and prepare to serve Your church.

*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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