

Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 a.m.

Austin, Texas

January 13, 2019

PREPARATION

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

PRAISING GOD

*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

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.

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 5:17-26

New Testament, page 836

SERMON

You Need to Try This

Thomas Daniel

** Those who are able, please stand*

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.

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

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
(stanzas 1 and 3)

Hymn 93

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

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

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 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.**

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.

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 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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