

Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 a.m.

Austin, Texas

January 20, 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 96

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!

People: Sing to the Lord all the earth!

Leader: Tell of his salvation from day to day.

People: Declare his glory among the nations.

All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Hymn 136

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) We have been bought with a great price, yet we sin against You by choosing our ways over Your ways. You invite us into dynamic discipleship, but we are timid, weak-minded, and hard-hearted in our response to follow You. Forgive us, O God, and may our hearts be revived, may our minds be renewed, and may our wills be conformed to Yours. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 6:27-36

New Testament, page 838

SERMON

Well-Intentioned Nonsense

Thomas Daniel

** Those who are able, please stand*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

We Are Called to Be God's People

Hymn 580

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

We Shall Overcome

(stanzas 1 and 3)

We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver - come,
God will see us through. God will see us through.
We shall live in peace. We shall live in peace.

5
we shall o - ver - come some - day! Oh,
God will see us through some - day! Oh,
We shall live in peace some - day! Oh,
We shall live in peace some - day!

9
deep in my heart I do be - lieve
deep in my heart I do be - lieve
deep in my heart I do be - lieve

13
we shall o - ver - come some - day!
God will see us through some - day!
we shall live in peace some - day!

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship

Beth Daniel at 9:30 and 11:00

Lay Liturgists – Alice Sessi at 8:15, Melanie Williamson at 9:30, Judith Thorburn 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 Marilyn Lightner and Leslie Halon (Great Gram and Mimi) with love and in celebration of the baptism of Max Anthony Maiberger.

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

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 after all 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: Judy Cooley, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Chuck Cooley, on January 12. Memorial service will be at Covenant at 2:00 p.m. on February 10.

Family and friends of Lou Quinius on her death on January 11.

Winnie Gage, family and friends, on the death of her brother, Don MacIver, on January 7.

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

Recently Hospitalized: Helen Paust, Susan Antoniewicz, Lois Davis, Matt Loessin.

Prayers for: T.J. Chapman, Denise Dvorak, Suzanne McIntosh, Tana Taylor, AJ MacNeill, Jerry Beck, Bob Sebesta, David Pena, Dave Ferguson, Louise Saxon, Jessica Mann Charters, Gloria and Tony Moreno, Riley Furlong, Jim Clayton.

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: Texas Reachout Ministries and Terry Cole at Street Youth Ministry.

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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