

Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 a.m.

Austin, Texas

January 27, 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 48

Leader: Great is the Lord!

People: We offer Him our thanks and praise!

Leader: God is the joy of the entire earth.

People: We will worship Him forever.

All: Let us join our voices together in praise of God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

God is Here!

Hymn 1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) We confess, gracious God, that we have not faithfully followed the guidance you have provided. You gave us your law through Moses, but we have not kept it. You revealed your will through the prophets, but we have been deaf to their message. You sent your Son into the world as the Way, but we have not always followed in his steps. Forgive us yet again. Send your Spirit upon us, that we may be motivated to a new life in Christ, in whose 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 8:4-8

New Testament, page 840

SERMON

How Great Is Our God!

Thomas Daniel

** Those who are able, please stand*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn 72

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

O God Beyond All Praising
(stanza 1)

Hymn 64

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end;
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship

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

Lay Liturgists – Mike Austin at 8:15, Marilyn Adams at 9:30, Marilyn Adams 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 Mary Helen and Tom Mitchell in loving memory of Mary Helen's sister, Rev. Karen E. Hall, whose death was on December 1 in Watertown, South Dakota.

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

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

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

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: Kemper Isabelle Ferguson, born January 16. Parents are Sarah Innerarity and Cameron Ferguson. Grandparents are Pam and David Ferguson, Great-grandparents are Eleanor and Dave Ferguson.

Prayers of sympathy and support: Family and friends of Betty Covington, on her death on January 24.

Don Spencer, family and friends, on the death of his son, Michael Spencer, on January 22. Memorial service is scheduled at Covenant at 2:00 p.m. on January 28.

Greg Dvorak, family and friends, on the death of his wife, Denise Dvorak, on January 20.

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.

Recently Hospitalized: Dallas Maham, Bill McGavran

Prayers for: T.J. Chapman, Suzanne McIntosh, Helen Paust, Susan Antoniewicz, Lois Davis, Matt Loessin, Tana Taylor, Louis Anderson, David Phinney, Evelyn Crawford, 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 Silvia Fonden, José Juan, Pupito, Zaida, and PG Neria Hernandez. Thanks to God for Yadira's visit to Yanelis, La China, y El Chino. 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: Samaritan Counseling Center and Pam and Nico Daams at Wycliffe.

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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