

Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m.

Austin, Texas

January 27, 2019

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Kumbaya

Dennis R. Johnson

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.

INTROIT

How Majestic Is Your Name

Mark Patterson

The Choristers Choir

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

You have set your glory high above the heavens; the lips of children will sing to give you praise.

O Lord, our Lord...

When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars which you have set in place.

O Lord God, I wonder who am I that you should care for me?

O Lord, our Lord...

*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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Adeline Sophia Balsam

born July 21, 2017

daughter of Susan and Ryan Balsam

Elder: Marilyn Adams Deacon: Abbey Gray

**Those who are able, please stand*

ANTHEM

Now Thank We All Our God
The Sanctuary Choir

Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Tom Mitchell

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns, with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart; tr. Catherine Winkworth

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 8:4-8

New Testament, page 840

SERMON

How Great Is Our God!

Thomas Daniel

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn 72

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Kumbaya

traditional spiritual

The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Paul Sjolund

Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.

Oh, Lord, kumbaya.

Someone's prayin', Lord, kumbaya.

Someone's cryin', Lord, kumbaya.

Someone's singin', Lord, kumbaya.

Sing Alleluia, Lord, kumbaya.

Oh, Lord, kumbaya.

revisions and added lyrics by Paul Sjolund

*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

O God Beyond All Praising

Hymn 64

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

Choristers Choir – Stacy Curtis, director and Dave Lyon, accompanist

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 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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