

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

11:00 a.m.

Austin, Texas

February 24, 2019

## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

*Acclamation for Bells*  
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 25

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**People: O my God, in you I trust.**

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord.

**People: Lead me in your truth, O God.**

**All: Let us join our voices together and worship God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
(stanzas 1, 3, 4 & 5)

Hymn 23

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 10:38-42*

New Testament, page 845

SERMON

*Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing*

Thomas Daniel

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*As the Deer*

Hymn 471

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*  
The Sanctuary Choir

Helen H. Lemmel

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(silent confession...)* We confess, gracious God, that our hearts are often gripped by ingratitude. Too often we take the good things of life for granted: our health, our homes, our work, our family, and our friends. Above all, we take our faith for granted, seldom exercising its privileges and often neglecting its responsibilities. Forgive us and renew us all in the depths of our hearts, that we may truly appreciate what we are and what we have; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

Craig Phillips

Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

\*Those who are able, please stand

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.*

ANTHEM

*Prayer of Consecration*

Deborah Dresie

The Sanctuary Choir

Lord of life, sing through me. Give my heart a melody  
So sweet and pure, good and true that I may offer a song to You.  
Come to me and still my fear until my song is Yours alone.  
Sing through me, Lord of life; make my voice Your own.

Lord of life, pray through me. Fill my mind with quiet peace  
So sweet and pure, good and true that I may have only thoughts of You.  
Come to me and still my doubt until my dreams are Yours alone.  
Pray through me, Lord of life, make my mind Your own.

Lord of life, live through me. Keep my soul in harmony  
So sweet and pure, good and true that through my living I'll honor You.  
Come to me and still my will until my deeds are Yours alone.  
Live through me, Lord of life; make my heart Your own.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Thy Holy Wings*

Cathy Moglebust

The Pro Musica Handbell Choir

\*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

*Be Thou My Vision*

Hymn 502

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*

Paul Manz

**Assisting in Worship**

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

Lay Liturgists – Patrick Schmidt at 8:15, Bretna Hackert at 9:30, Melanie Williamson at 11:00

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.*

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

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**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES** – March 6 at noon and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A light lunch will be served in FE 200 after the noon service.

Covenant will also impose ashes at its weekly Service of Morning Prayer on Wed. at 7:00 a.m. in FE 100.

**BIG HEARTS SHAPING LITTLE MINDS** – Volunteers are needed for Nursery Care on Sunday Mornings.

Seven volunteers are needed each Sunday to serve toddlers and babies ages 4 and below in one hour shifts.

Contact Elizabeth Moore at [emoore@covenant.org](mailto:emoore@covenant.org).

**SMALL GROUPS LENTEN STUDY** – New groups are forming for Lent and will engage in six-week studies.

Most groups will read “Mirror for the Soul: A Christian Guide to the Enneagram” by Alice Fryling.

Small groups will meet weekly for six weeks, immediately following Ash Wednesday on March 6.

For new small group sign up, go to [covenant.org/smallgroups](http://covenant.org/smallgroups) or contact Kathryn Sedberry at [ksedberry@covenant.org](mailto:ksedberry@covenant.org).

**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:** Benjamin Timothy Thomas, born February 13. Parents are Courtney and Josh Thomas. Great-grandparents are Shirley and Phil Thomas.

John Henry "Hank" Beacham, born January 29. Parents are Abby and Bo Beacham.

**Prayers of sympathy and support:** Shirley and Phil Thomas, family and friends, on the death of their son, Tim Thomas, on February 17.

Tony Moreno, family and friends, on the death of his wife, Gloria Moreno, on February 11. Memorial service is scheduled at Covenant at 2:00 p.m. on March 3.

Cynthia and David Petrick, family and friends, on the death of David's sister, Darla Ann Petrick Bayliss on February 7.

**Prayers for:** T.J. Chapman, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Helene Maham, Jeff Rogers, Sr., Larry Madson, Bill McGavran, Charlie and Sydney Luellen, Helen Paust, Bridget Lonseth, Lois Davis, Matt Loessin, Tana Taylor, Louis Anderson, Priscilla and David Phinney, Evelyn Crawford, AJ MacNeill, Bob Sebesta, David Pena, Dave Ferguson, Louise Saxon, Jessica Mann Charters, 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 Melisa Olivera and Silvia Fonden. Thanksgiving that there were no deaths or significant injuries in the congregation cause by the tornado that struck Sunday evening, January 27. Prayers for recovery from extensive damage in the Luyanó and Guanabacoa communities. ¡Señor, en tu misericordia!

**Prayers requested by the Mission Committee:** Texas Reachout Ministries & Julie and Allen Weeks at Austin Voices for Education and Youth.

**Prayers requested by the Session:** Travel mercies for the Covenant women who have been at Mo Ranch for the PW women's retreat and are returning today.

*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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