

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m.

Austin, Texas

March 10, 2019

## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Donald Busarow

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

*Thank You, Lord*

Diane Davis Andrews

Music Makers and Sunshine Singers Choirs

Thank you, Lord, for giving us life, right where we are. Alleluia, praise the Lord, right where we are.

Thank you, Lord, for giving us love, right where we are. Alleluia, praise the Lord...

Thank you, Lord, for giving us friends, right where we are. Alleluia, praise the Lord...

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 145

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King.

**People: I will bless your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

**People: Let us declare the mighty acts of God!**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Hymn 68

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(silent confession...)* **Loving God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too often the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have failed to do what we know to be right and we continue to do that which we know is wrong. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and restore us 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

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

Christopher Owen Stresing

born August 9, 2018

son of Sarah and David Stresing

Elder: Harold Skaggs Deacon: Laura Hargrave

ANTHEM

*Many Will Come*

Thomas Keesecker

Journey Youth Choir

Many will come from east and west, north and south and will eat in the kingdom of God.

Oh, blessed are they who eat bread in the kingdom of God.

*Luke 13:29 and Luke 14:15*

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 15:1-7*

New Testament, page 850

SERMON

*The Shepherd*

Thomas Daniel

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*How Deep the Father's Love*  
(see words and music on page 3)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Only Hope*

Jonathan Foreman

Journey Youth Choir

arr. Ed Lojeski

Matt Williams and Lauren Maunder, *soloists*

There's a song that's inside of my soul; it's the one that I've tried to write over and over again.

I'm awake in the infinite cold; but You sing to me over and over and over again.

Refrain: So I lay my head back down, and I lift my hands and pray to be only Yours;

I know now, You're my only hope.

Sing to me the song of the stars, of Your galaxy dancing and laughing and laughing again.

When it feels like my dreams are so far, sing to me of the plans that You have for me over again. *Refrain*

I give You my destiny; I'm giving You all of me. I want Your symphony singing in all that I am.

At the top of my lungs, I'm giving it back. *Refrain*

\*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

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Hymn 440

\*RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Pastorale: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Dale Wood

### New Members

Kyle Bosse, Lauren Bosse, Mary Beth Bosworth, Tim Bosworth, Regina Budet, Adrienne Carter, Alex Crawley, Will Crawley, Christine Erwin, Amy Felker, Jason Fischer, Lauren Fischer, Pat Fitzgerald, Stacey Fitzgerald, Vernita Gordon, David Hallonquist, Yvette Hallonquist, Dan Hart, Brian Haws, JJ Jackson, Andrew Lenharth, Jim McNabb, Caitlin Moore, Rich Moore, Frank Newman, Lou Ann Newman, Hilary Owen, Nick Owen, Tony Pfalzgraf, Nancy Quesada, Elizabeth Ray, Jessica Richards, Jeff Rogers, Ed Seymour, Dale Truitt, Roy Truitt, Kenneth Walker, Nancy Walker, Charlene Wiegrefe, Daniel Wiegrefe, Mary Wilson, Will Wilson, Laura Wommack, Joel Wommack

### Assisting in Worship

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

Lay Liturgists – Marilyn Adams at 8:15, Kathryn Sedberry at 9:30, Frank Sheppard at 11:00

Journey Youth Choir – Stacy Curtis, director and John Wassmuth, accompanist

Music Makers Choir – Barb Miaso, director

Sunshine Singers Choir – Emily Jones, director, and Melanie Dixon, accompanist

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 Stacy and James Curtis in honor of their three wonderful children, Cody, Hayley, and Ryan Curtis.*

*How Deep the Father's Love*

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, How vast be - yond all meas - ure, that  
2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders; a -  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no power, no wis - dom; but

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scoff - ers. It  
I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns His face a - way as  
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

wounds which mar the cho - sen One bring man - y ones to glo - ry.  
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.  
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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

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**DAILY DEVOTIONAL** – If you're looking for a Lenten practice of prayer and scripture reading, we invite you to pray and read with us every day by subscribing to the daily devotional email: [covenant.org/dailydevo](mailto:covenant.org/dailydevo).

**NEW BIBLES** – Thank you to Covenant Foundation for placing more than 180 Bibles in the sanctuary to ensure that every person has access to a Bible during the worship service!

To see if you have one of the new Bibles, open the front cover and look for the Foundation nameplate. Please visit [covenant.org/foundation](http://covenant.org/foundation) to learn more about the Foundation and how it serves Covenant.

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:** Michael Gregory Neff, born February 26. Parents are Julie Winn and Greg Neff. Grandparents are Keni and John Neff.

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

**Prayers of sympathy and support:** Susan and Larry Zatopek, family and friends, on the death of Susan's mother, Evelyn Crawford, on March 1.

Scott and Mary Moore, family and friends, on the death of Mary's father, Karl W. Pfleiderer, Jr., on February 21.

Tony Moreno, family and friends, on the death of his wife, Gloria Moreno, on February 11.

**Prayers for recently hospitalized:** John Winkler.

**Prayers for:** T.J. Chapman, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Jim Clayton, Dick McCracken, Helene Maham, Jeff Rogers, Sr., Larry Madson, Bill McGavran, Charlie and Sydney Luellen, Helen Paust, Bridget Lonseth, Lois Davis, Tana Taylor, Louis Anderson, Priscilla and David Phinney, Bob Sebesta, David Pena, Dave Ferguson, Louise Saxon, Jessica Mann Charters, Riley Furlong.

**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:** Continued prayers for Melisa Olivera and Silvia Fondén. Thanksgiving for brothers and sisters walking beside us in tornado disaster recovery efforts. ¡Alabanzas al Señor!

**Prayers requested by the Mission Committee:** International Justice Mission and Belize team serving during Spring Break.

**Prayers requested by the Session:** Prayers for the new connections and communities formed through small groups this Lenten season.

**Drive-Thru Prayer Requests:** For healing, travel mercies, cancer care, patience, good weather for building, Bible study, asthma, health, premature baby, financial challenges, depression, illness, alcohol, business success, children, peace, comfort, help, anxiety, lymphoma, job change, medical procedures, grief, courage, strengthening of faith, flu, school tests, thanksgiving, co-workers, family, friends, job search, spouse's health, relationship with parent, children with depression, graduation and job selection, God's direction, discernment, counseling help, housing, discipline, restraint, forgiveness, recovery, strength, healing after divorce, a faith community, fellowship and support, trust in God, blessings for children.

*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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