

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 a.m.

Austin, Texas

March 24, 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

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

**All: Alleluia! We rejoice!**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymn 358

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(silent confession...)* **Gracious God, sometimes we take ourselves so seriously — our opinions, our emotions, our needs, our entitlements — that we fail to notice our effect on others. And we do not make connections between our limitless wants and the resources left for others. Forgive us, that we might seek the common good and justice for all. Through Christ our Lord, 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 16:19-31*

New Testament, page 851

### SERMON

*The One Where Jesus Doubles Down*

Jon Wasson

*\* Those who are able, please stand*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Hymn 273

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 Are Called to Be God's People*  
(stanzas 1 and 2)

Hymn 580

**We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,  
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own,  
Let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.**

**We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today;  
Taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,  
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.**

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

### **Assisting in Worship**

Lay Liturgists – Rehm Maham at 8:15, Elaine Peterson and Laura Tuma at 9:30, Kathryn Sedberry and Rev. Stephen Murray 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)

Jon Wasson preaching at 11:05 in the Contemporary Worship Service

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Julie and Gary Stillwell in honor and celebration of her father, Tom Murphy, Jr., on his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday today.*

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

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**ANNUAL MEETING** – The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 12:10 p.m. in FE 200 (immediately following the 11:05 worship service).

Boxed lunches will be available for the first 75 individuals. A donation of \$6 per meal is suggested.

**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.

**Prayers of sympathy and support:** Jennifer and Ryan Palm, family and friends, on the death of Jennifer's father, Jim Clayton, on March 13.

Nancy and Steve Bissell, family and friends, on the death of Nancy's mother, Sydney Luellen, on March 11.

Kazzye and Kurt Martens, family and friends, on the death of Kazzye's father, Walter Wilson, on March 11.

**Prayers for:** T.J. Chapman, John Winkler, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Laurel Ross, Ray Hustead, Dick McCracken, Jeff Rogers, Sr., Larry Madson, Bill McGavran, 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:** Texas Reachout Ministries and Julie & 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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