

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 a.m.

Austin, Texas

April 28, 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:** The Risen One has come alongside us on our journey from the empty tomb.

**People:** **He speaks to us with love and encouragement the word that frees us from our sorrows.**

**Leader:** Let us celebrate the promise of life, for Christ is risen.

**All:** **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Hymn 87

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**(silent confession...)** Gracious God, you made the hearts of the disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus, your Son. Forgive us when, like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe. Forgive us that we are so easily downcast, and given to despair. Forgive us that we take so much convincing of the hope that you give to the world. Awaken us today to all that is possible because Jesus is alive. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PARDON

### \*RESPONSE TO OUR FORGIVENESS

*Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)*

Hymn 734

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hadley Celeste Wray

born February 9, 2019

daughter of Nicole and Keith Wray

Elder: Steve Caskey    Deacon: John McFarlane

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE

*Luke 24:13-35*

New Testament, page 860

### SERMON

*Their Eyes Were Opened*

Jon Wasson

*\* Those who are able, please stand*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*In Christ Alone*

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend  
arr. Tom Brown

In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my  
In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less  
There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness  
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

song: this cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fier - est drought and  
Babe! This gift of love and righteous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to  
slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a -  
me; from life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
save. 'Til on the cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## 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

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*  
(stanzas 1 and 2)

Hymn 320

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne:  
Alleluia his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore?"**

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

## **Assisting in Worship**

Thomas Daniel at 8:15, Jon Wasson 9:30, 11:00 and 11:05

Lay Liturgists – Alice Sessi at 8:15, Daniel Tomlin at 9:30 and Jim McNabb at 11:00

Pianist – 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 the Aventa Family with love and in honor and celebration of Paula Aventa's birthday on April 30<sup>th</sup>.*

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

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**COVENANT ALL CHURCH PICNIC** – today, Sunday, April 28th, 4-8 p.m. at the Skaggs Ranch (13600 FM 1826).

Bring your own food for your family and cookies to share. Drinks will be provided.

Come prepared for kickball, swimming in the creek, and more.

Find directions on the web at [covenant.org/picnic](http://covenant.org/picnic).

**FORMATION COHORTS FORMING NOW** - Come and learn more on the patio today.

Three new cohorts will begin a year-long journey to establish rhythms of spiritual and missional practices in January of 2020. Each formation cohort is made up of 15 to 20 men and women who participate in four retreats, monthly cohort video calls, and short weekly spiritual practices.

Find information and express interest until May 5 at [covenant.org/IMF](http://covenant.org/IMF).

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS MUSICAL** – Our children's choirs will present the musical "Oh, Jonah!"

on May 4 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary, with an encore performance on May 8 at 6:30 PM.

Based on the Biblical story of the prophet Jonah, it's a tale involving responsibility, repentance and listening for the word of God in our lives. It's also about accepting people who are different from us and believing that there is mercy and compassion for all who turn toward God. In other words, it's a story about us!

**FAITH AND WORK WORKSHOP** - Mark Roberts, Executive Director of the De Pree Center

at Fuller Theological Seminary, will lead a workshop on May 18th devoted to helping Christian marketplace leaders live intentionally and wisely as disciples of Jesus in their daily work.

For more details go to [covenant.org/faithandwork](http://covenant.org/faithandwork).

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 sympathy and support:** Leslie and Gaines Bagby, family and friends, on the death of Leslie's father, Richard Guinn, on April 23 in OK.

Joy and Noel Durrant, family and friends, on the death of Noel's mother, Marcine Durrant, on April 23.

Mary Helen and Tom Mitchell, family and friends, on the death of Mary Helen's mother, Helen Turnquist, on April 14. Memorial service at Covenant at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 1.

Family and friends of Tony Moreno on his death on April 10. Memorial service at Covenant at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3.

**Prayers for recently hospitalized:** Hazel Nichols, Peyton Zachry, Claire Williams.

**Prayers for:** Lynn Beierle, Jane Hoffman, Tom Murphy, Kay Sockol, Kurt and Darla Martens, Lynn and Patrick, John Erlewine, Marie Burns, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Laurel Ross, Ray Hustead, Dick McCracken, Jeff Rogers, Sr., Larry Madson, Bill McGavran, Bridget Lonseth, 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:**

Thanksgiving for Pastora Dora's recovery. Continued prayer for Zaida and her family. During this joyous 50-day Easter season: ¡Alabanzas al Señor! From Pastor Abel: Please pray for the grave and very difficult situation in Cuba about which there is great uncertainty. Our hope is only in God. From Pastor Daniel: Prayers for wisdom, so that the church will bear witness and hope.

**Prayers requested by the Mission Committee:** Manos de Cristo and Pam and Nico Daams at Wycliffe.

**Prayers requested by the Session:** Gratitude that love has conquered hate and life has conquered death through the power of the resurrected Christ.

*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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