

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m.

Austin, Texas

May 12, 2019

## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Max Drischner

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 62

Leader: For God alone my soul waits.

**People: From God alone comes my salvation.**

Leader: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

**People: God alone is my fortress.**

**All: Let us worship our great God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
(stanzas 1, 3 and 4)

Hymn 71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(silent confession...)* **Almighty God, we acknowledge that we fail to see our sinful lives as they really are. We are sensitive to the evils of other people and nations and so often ignore our own shortcomings. In others we find hardness, selfishness, lack of love; in ourselves we call it being practical. We lament the lack of concern in others, though for us it is lack of time. But our lives are not lived in comparison with others but before You. Forgive us and help us to see the whole truth. We pray this in Jesus' name. 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

John Henry "Hank" Beacham  
born January 29, 2019  
son of Abby and Bo Beacham  
Elder: Michael Knisely Deacon: David Petrick

ANTHEM

*Will the Circle Be Unbroken*  
The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble

traditional Appalachian  
arr. J. David Moore

GinnyRae Joy, Sarah LeNoir and Justin Duck, *trio*

*Refrain:* Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by,  
There's a better home awaitin' if we try, Lord, if we try.

I was singing with my sisters, and my brothers, I was singing with my friends,  
And we all can sing together, 'cause the circle never ends. *Refrain*

I was born down in the valley where the sun refuse' to shine  
But I'm climbing up to the highland, gonna make the mountain mine! *Refrain*

**All singing, unison: I was singing with my sisters, I was singing with my friends,  
And we all can sing together, 'cause the circle never ends.**

Oh, will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by,  
There's a better home awaitin' in the sky, Lord, in the sky.

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

*Exodus 20:12*

Old Testament, page 58

SERMON

*Maundy Thursday, the Annunciation, and Mother's Day*

Thomas Daniel

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
(stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 5)

Hymn 40

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*By and By*  
The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble

traditional  
arr. Carol Barnett

Oh by and by, by and by, I'm gonna lay down this heavy load.

I know my robe's gonna fit me well, 'cause I tried it on at the gates of hell.

Oh hell is a deep and dark despair, so stop, poor sinner, and a don't go there.

Oh one of these mornings, bright and fair, gonna take my wings and cleave the air.

Oh when I get to heaven gonna sing and shout, for there's no one there to turn me out.

Oh by and by, by and by, I'm gonna lay down this heavy load.

\*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

*Lord, We Hear Your Word*

HYFRYDOL

**Lord, we hear your Word with gladness: you have spoken – we rejoice:  
Words of love and life and freedom – help us make their truth our choice!  
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;  
Spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.**

**May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led;  
May the springs of all our being by your Living Word be fed;  
May our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known;  
May obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own!**

**You have spoken – yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this your Word:  
Debtors, then, as living letters we must make your Gospel heard!  
By your Spirit's pow'r transform us; shed your saving Light abroad  
Till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!**

\*RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Hyfrydol*

Healey Willan

### **New Members**

Robbie Albracht, Adams Caskey, Sondra Childers, Doug Dee, Darden Deviney, Gretchen Fox, Judy Fox, Sarah Hunter, Suzy Lanier, Lindsey Lewallen, Ralph Molina, Will Newton, Tyler Preussner, Alice Sanderson, Kathryn Stuart, Tom Stuart, Frank Warren

### **Assisting in Worship**

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

Lay Liturgists – Laura Mendenhall at 8:15, Kristen Tritle at 9:30, Elaine Peterson at 11:00

The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble – 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 Paula and Tony Aventa with thanksgiving for the blessing of marriage on their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 15<sup>th</sup>.*

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

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**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).

**SPRING CONCERT** – The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble and The Sanctuary Choir will present a spring concert on Sunday, May 19 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come join us for an afternoon of wonderful music. You'll hear an array of anthems of the church, hymns, spirituals and more, including the works of Mozart, Dan Forrest, Mark Patterson, Anton Bruckner, and Moses Hogan.

**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:** Meredith Ann Lipscomb, born April 16. Parents are Mandi and Chuck Lipscomb.

**Prayers of sympathy and support:** Betty McChristian, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Clarence McChristian, on April 28.

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

Leslie and Gaines Bagby, family and friends, on the death of Leslie's father, Richard Gwinn, on April 21 in OK.

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.

**Prayers for recently hospitalized:** Tom Kelman, Jim McNabb.

**Prayers for:** Jerry Noel, Marv Hackert, Hazel Nichols, Peyton Zachry, Claire Williams, Lynn Beierle, Jane Hoffman, Tom Murphy, Kay Sockol, Kurt and Darla Martens, John Erlewine, Marie Burns, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Laurel Ross, Ray Husted, 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, 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 Lt. Col. 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:** For Anáis Regueiro Pérez and Zaida. 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:** Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services, and Chris Fisher at East Austin Younglife.

**Prayers requested by the Session:** Blessings on those who have had mothers, been mothers, or filled a mother-like role for someone. You are the author of all parental love.

**Drive-Thru Prayer requests:** For healing in family relationships, for each other, our country, good health, travel mercies, children's activities, to celebrate family, for premature baby and family, guidance, thanksgiving, business wisdom, help with alcoholism, students making decisions, strength and perseverance, better attitude at work, strength in the Holy Spirit, family decisions, and for help with unemployment.

*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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