

Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 a.m.

Austin, Texas

May 26, 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

based on Psalm 108:1-4

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

People: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
We will sing praises to you among the nations.

People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,

All: and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

All Creatures of Our God and King
(stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5)

Hymn 23

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) **Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. 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

Psalm 100

Old Testament, page 481

SERMON

Nothing for Granted

Jill Williams

** Those who are able, please stand*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

TIME OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Let All Things Now Living
(stanza 1)

Hymn 22

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

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 Praise You, O God

Hymn 726

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
Through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been;
When perils o'ertake us, you never forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer,
Our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise;
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

ON GRATITUDE | Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude*

“Gratitude is more than a mental exercise, more than a formula of words. We cannot be satisfied to make a mental note of things which God has done for us and then perfunctorily thank Him for favors received.

To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us—and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is grace, for it brings with us immense graces from Him. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder, and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference... Gratitude is therefore the heart of the Christian life.”

Assisting in Worship

Lay Liturgists – Alice Sessi and Patrick Schmidt at 8:15, Daniel Tomlin and Rev. Stephen Murray at 9:30

Pianists – Louise Avant and John Schmidt

Daniel Izquierdo preaching at 11:30 at Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó (our sister church in Cuba)

Jill Williams preaching at 11:05 in the Contemporary Worship Service

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Judy Cooley in loving memory of Charles on their 61st wedding anniversary.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Mary Helen and Tom Mitchell in gratitude for the life of our mom, Helen Turnquist, 1919-2019.

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

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES – the summer worship schedule of three services will continue through August 11.
Two traditional worship services at 8:15 and 9:30 and a contemporary service at 11:05 a.m.

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: Warren Ashton Archer, born May 13. Parents are Jennie and Nate Archer. Grandparents are Susan and Dave Ashton, Great-grandfather is Richard Swallow, and aunts are Sarah Stresing and Katherine Ashton.

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

Prayers of sympathy and support: Kazzye and Kurt Martens, family and friends, on the death of Kurt's mother, Darla Martens, on May 9.

Prayers for recently hospitalized: Mary Margaret Willman, Tom Kelman.

Prayers for: Jacque Schmidt, Pat Noel, Jim McNabb, Jerry Noel, Scott Trull, Mike Aycock, Marv Hackert, Hazel Nichols, Peyton Zachry, Claire Williams, Lynn Beierle, Jane Hoffman, Kay Sockol, 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, 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 Pastor Izquierdo y Demetrio Lemus. For the grave and very difficult situation in Cuba. Grant the church wisdom to bear witness and hope. Our hope is in the Lord.

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: International Justice Mission and Michelle Verrill at Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

Prayers requested by the Session: Prayers of thanksgiving for the work of the many committees involved in ministry at Covenant.

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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