

Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m.

Austin, Texas

August 18, 2019

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

With a Voice of Singing
The Summer Choir

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing...

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 150

Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: Praise God in his sanctuary!
Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: Praise him for his mighty deeds and surpassing greatness!
All: **Let us join our voices together and praise the Lord!**

HYMN OF PRAISE AND BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Here I Am, Lord

Hymn 559

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) Great God, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to sins that hide the brightness of your love. We are frightened disciples who are slow to speak your Gospel. Immersed in ourselves, we have not stepped into a new life in Christ. Baptize us with your Holy Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may live a truly abundant and purposeful life. Amen.

RESPONSE

Be Still and Know

John Bell

Sing 3 times:



Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

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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.

**Those who are able, please stand*

ANTHEM

Speak, O Lord
The Summer Choir

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

I Samuel 3:1-11

Old Testament, page 215

SERMON

GROWING SMALLER
How to Get Started

Thomas Daniel

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Summons
(stanza 1)

Hymn 350

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Folk Tune

Percy W. Whitlock

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 147

*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

Now Thank We All Our God

Hymn 14

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

March

William Walton

How do we begin to listen in solitude?

1. Embrace a regular habit of unplugging and praying.
Form might vary over time.
2. Consider using Scripture. covenant.org/dailydevo
3. Listen with ears, mind, heart, and soul. Hopeful expectation.
4. Usually offers a direction rather than a destination.
5. Consider starting with where the “Word of the Lord is rare” in your life.

Assisting in Worship

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

Lay Liturgists – Jean Brender at 8:15, Bretna Hackert at 9:30, and Cindy Young at 11:00

The Summer Choir – Michael Shuman, 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 by Rhonda Brink-Green in memory of her father, Art Hoehn, on the anniversary of his birth, August 17, 1915.

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

EXPLORE MEMBERSHIP – Are you considering membership at Covenant?

Upcoming classes will be on four Sundays, September 8, 15, 22, and 29, from 9:30-10:45 a.m. in FE 107.

For more information, contact Amy Skaggs at askaggs@covenant.org.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING – With the return of four worship services, making room in our parking lot for visitors will be more important than ever. Please consider using our parking shuttle service which carries worshippers from the parking lot at the Texan Eye Center at 5717 Balcones Drive just off Northland Drive two blocks west of campus.

Shuttles run on Sunday mornings from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.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: Mia Josephine Crump; parents are Aga and Andrew Crump.

Prayers of sympathy and support: Gayle Little, family and friends, on the death of her son, John Little, on August 7. Julie and Gary Stillwell, family and friends, on the death of Julie's father, Tom Murphy, on August 1.

Prayers for recently hospitalized: Fred Hartmann, Helene Maham.

Prayers for: Carol Smith, Pat Beckham, Eleanor Ferguson, Sterling and Brendan O'Hara, Julie and Pat Oles, Hank Beacham, Glenda Vander Laan, Susan Zatopek, Helen Paust, Hazel Nichols, Marie Burns, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Tana Taylor, 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: USA 1LT 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, USA SFC Kevin Guy.

Prayers requested by or for our sister church, Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó, in Havana Cuba: For Alejandría y Silvia. For our congregation's session. Grant the church in Cuba the wisdom to bear witness to hope in the Lord particularly in this grave and difficult season.

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: Manos de Cristo and Michelle Verrill at Intervarsity Christian.

Prayers requested by the Session: May your grace touch every part of our lives and make us more like Jesus.

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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