

Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 a.m.

Austin, Texas

August 25, 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

Improvisation on Beecher

Dennis Teitsma/Charles Callahan

PRAISING GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 144

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, my rock.

People: Our rock as well as our fortress.

Leader: My stronghold and my deliverer.

People: The one in whom we take refuge.

All: Let us worship our great God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Hymn 598

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) **We confess, our Father, that sin has divided us so that we do not belong to one another; sin has deceived us so that we go our own way and do not serve one another; sin has deluded us so that we think we do not need your grace and forgiveness. Liberate us, Lord, from all deception, delusion, and division. Enable us to live in the light of your truth, and in the warmth of your love, through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

I Samuel 3:1-11

Old Testament, page 215

SERMON

GROWING SMALLER

Thomas Daniel

What Makes Us Unique

** Those who are able, please stand*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Summons
(stanzas 1 and 2)

Hymn 350

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

Called as Partners in Christ's Service
(stanzas 1 and 2)

Hymn 581

**Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship

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

Lay Liturgists – Patrick Schmidt at 8:15, Daniel Tomlin at 9:30, and Julie Bou at 11:00

Pianists – Michael Shuman and 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 Kathy and Steve Caskey with thanksgiving for their wonderful son Adams, his wife Kendall and their grandson Hub.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS – Wednesday night programming resumes on August 28, including children’s choirs, children and youth programs, adult small groups, and Sanctuary Choir. Dinner is served starting at 5 p.m. For more information go to covenant.org/Wednesday.

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.

Prayers for recently hospitalized: Fred Hartmann, Helene Maham.

Prayers for: Ardis Cox, Ed Pierson, Ann Elizabeth Marvin, 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: Para regresas a la casa de hospital de María Josefa. Para alivio del dolor de migrañas fuertes de Anaitza. Para Alejandría y Silvia. Grant to the church in Cuba the wisdom to bear witness to hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: Movin' & Groovin' and Terry Cole at Street Youth Ministry.

Prayers requested by the Session: God, ignite the ministry of Covenant as we gear up for fall programming.

Drive-Thru Prayer Requests: For family growth and connection, for alcoholic child, gratitude for new life and family, work and business issues, children starting new school year, relationship with spouse, family member in prison, for foster children, the City of Austin, grandchild with developmental challenges, those battling cancer, success in new job, those struggling with addiction, people in hospice care, those seeking asylum in the U.S., for safety, for the homeless and mentally ill, children who have turned away from faith, patience with co-workers, discernment in educational opportunities, protection for child having surgery, medical crises, people caring for parents, for thanksgiving, peace in extended family, travel safety, God's mercy, peace, care, and presence.

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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