

Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 a.m.

Austin, Texas

July 21, 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: Come, let us worship and bow down in awe of God's steadfast love for us.

People: For God gives ear to our words; God listens to the sound of our cries.

Leader: Come, let us take refuge in the God of our salvation.

People: For God is our shield, our protection in times of trouble.

Leader: Come, let us rejoice and sing for joy!

All: For God is surely in this place! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

God is Here!

Hymn 1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) **Lord, sometimes our lives have such little focus: we have so much to do; we possess so much stuff; we're driven by the need for still more – and it easily seems to control us. Forgive us, Lord, for how distracted we've become and for losing our way without even realizing it. Have mercy on us and help us to know that you are the only one we need. 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

Matthew 19:16-26

New Testament, page 800

SERMON

HOW TO BE YOURSELF

Jon Wasson

Was Jesus a Minimalist?

** Those who are able, please stand*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Kingdom of God

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Sing 4 times

The king-dom of God is jus-tice and peace and joy in the Ho-ly Spir - it.
Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. The

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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

For the Fruit of All Creation
(stanzas 1 and 2)

Hymn 723

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship

Lay Liturgists – Marnie Wheeler at 8:15, Elaine Peterson at 9:30

Pianists – Michael Shuman and 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.

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

REEL MINISTRY – Covenant's Reel Ministry film series continues on Wednesday, July 24.

Join us at Alamo Drafthouse as we explore elements of faith in the third of four uniquely different films.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., feature begins at 6:15 p.m. The events are free-of-charge, but seating is limited.

RSVP at covenant.org/reelministry. Contact ksedberry@covenant.org for more information.

COVENANT SUMMER – Want a quick look at the key events happening at Covenant this summer?

We've put the highlights on an easy-to-access webpage. Visit covenant.org/summer2019.

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.

Three worship services are offered each Sunday this summer through August 18 — 8:15 a.m. (traditional communion service), 9:30 a.m. (traditional service) 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: Miller Alan Spencer, born June 13. Parents are Caroline and Kyle Spencer.

Prayers of sympathy and support: Emily and David McGinnis, family and friends, on the death of Emily's mother, Barbara Way, on July 10.

Sandy and John Blich, family and friends, on the death of Sandy's father, Harry Tipton, on July 1.

Susan and Dan Bright, family and friends, on the death of Susan's mother, Alice Louise Kershner, on June 28.

John Heasley, family and friends, on the death of his mother, Mary Louise Heasley, on June 26.

Prayers for recently hospitalized: Eleanor Ferguson.

Prayers for: Hank Beacham, Marc Smith, Helen Paust, Scott Trull, Gail Ross, Judy Embrey, Mieke Varenbrink, Jacque Schmidt, Pat Noel, Tom Kelman, Jim McNabb, Jerry Noel, Marv Hackert, Hazel Nichols, Peyton Zachry, Claire Williams, Jane Hoffman, Marie Burns, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Laurel Ross, Dick McCracken, Jeff Rogers, Sr., Larry Madson, Bill McGavran, 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: 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 David Leal and Mercedes Conil as they mourn the death of their son Pupito. (Pat and Margene Beckham have been guests in their home in 1999 and prayer partners in 2015.) For Silvia Fonden. For another successful VBS wrapping up today. Grant the church the wisdom to bear witness to hope in the Lord particularly in this grave and very difficult season in Cuba.

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: Samaritan Counseling Center and Pam and Nico Daams at Wycliffe.

Prayers requested by the Session: Help us to feel your presence with us wherever we may be.

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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