

Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 a.m.

Austin, Texas

July 28, 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: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: **God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
And our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Leader: Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

People: **O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!
Be our guide and our light instead!**

Leader: Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,
For God is among and within us!

All: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here
(see music and words on page 3)

to ST. CATHERINE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things. Other activities, other relationships, other gods. You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere, diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you. Forgive us, gracious God. Turn us from our desires that obsess us. We pray this counting on your grace. 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

Luke 6:12-13

New Testament, page 837

SERMON

HOW TO BE YOURSELF
Turn Off Notifications

Jon Wasson

** Those who are able, please stand*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Hymn 655

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

Lord, You Give the Great Commission
(stanzas 1 and 4)

Hymn 592

**Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission and the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship

Lay Liturgists – Jean Brender at 8:15, Bretna Hackert 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.

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

Great God, your love — has called — us here, as we, by love, for love — were made.
We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of brok - en trust and chos - en wrong,
Great God, in Christ you call — our name and then re - ceive us as — your own,
Then take the towel — and break — the bread, and hum - ble us, and call — us friends.
Great God, in Christ you set — us free your life to live, your joy — to share.

Your liv - ing like - ness still — we bear, though marred, dis - ho - nored, dis - o - beyed.
Half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains, by so - cial forc - es swept a - long,
Not through some mer - it, right — or claim, but by your gra - cious love — a - lone.
Suf - fer and serve — till all — are fed, and show how grand - ly love — in - tends
Give us your Spir - it's li - ber - ty to turn from guilt and dull — des - pair

We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
By powers and sys - tems close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
We strain to glimpse your mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
To work till all cre - a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
And of - fer all that faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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

REEL MINISTRY – Covenant's Reel Ministry film series continues on Wednesday, July 31.

Join us at Alamo Drafthouse as we explore elements of faith in the fourth 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 worshippers 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: Hank Beacham, Susan Zatopek, Claire Williams, Pat Beckham, Phil Thomas, Eleanor Ferguson.

Prayers for: Tom Murphy, Marc Smith, Helen Paust, Scott Trull, Gail Ross, Mieke Varenbrink, Jacque Schmidt, Pat Noel, Tom Kelman, Jim McNabb, Jerry Noel, Marv Hackert, Hazel Nichols, Peyton Zachry, 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 Alejandría y Silvia. 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.) 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: Drive-A-Senior West Austin and Julie and Allen Weeks at Austin Voices for Education and Youth.

Prayers requested by the Session: God, help all of us to be conscious of the height and depth and breadth of your love for all creation.

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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