

Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m.

Austin, Texas

July 7, 2019

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"

Robert A. Hobby

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.*

PRAISING GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God in his sanctuary!

Leader: Praise him for his mighty deeds!

People: Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

Hymn 322

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) Loving and faithful God, you are holy, righteous, and pure; you are compassionate and just; you are perfect in all of your ways. But we have slipped away from your will; we have been selfish and self-centered; and we live for today instead of for your Kingdom. You have called us to be pure and blameless in Christ, but our hearts burn in desire for impurity and we make believe that our lives are whole and healthy. Remind us that your love is endless and without it we would be lost. Bring us to the turning point of repentance. Forgive us. Restore us. Redeem us. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

Craig Phillips



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.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Offertory
The Summer Choir

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings; shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:6-8

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 34

* Those who are able, please stand

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 6:1-7

New Testament, page 889

SERMON

ACTS: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES
Less is More

Thomas Daniel

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service

Hymn 575

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Holy Spirit Come to Us

Taizé

Refrain, all singing:

Continue singing as solo verses are sung.

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. _____
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. _____

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name. Thy king-dom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly
bread, And for-give us our debts, as we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-
ta - tion but de - liv - er us from e - vil; For Thine is the king - dom, and the
power, and the glo-ry for - ev - er, A - men. A - men.

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*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso e vivace (from Sonata 1)

Felix Mendelssohn

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lay Liturgists – Cindy Young at 8:15, Cheryl Banks and Jan Skaggs at 9:30

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 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 will kick off Wednesday, July 10!

Join us for four evenings at Alamo Drafthouse as we explore elements of faith within 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 sympathy and support: Sandy and John Blitch, family and friends, on the death of Sandy's father, Harry Tipton, on July 1.

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

Lacy and John Ruwwe, family and friends, on the death of John's mother, Mary Adele Ruwwe, on June 9.

Prayers for recently hospitalized: Helen Paust

Prayers for: Scott Trull, Gail Ross, Judy Embrey, Robin Moore, Mieke Varenbrink, Jacque Schmidt, Pat Noel, Tom Kelman, Jim McNabb, Jerry Noel, Mike Aycok, 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 Pupito's healing. Grant our church the wisdom to bear witness and reassurance that leads to placing our hope in the Lord particularly in this grave and very difficult season in Cuba.

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: Religious Coalition to Assist the Homeless, and Michelle Verrill at Intervarsity Christian.

Prayers requested by the Session: Lord, as we move into the slower pace of summer, refresh us with rest and help us to see you and follow you wherever we live, work, and play.

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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