

Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 a.m.

Austin, Texas

September 1, 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

Meditation on "Beach Spring"

arr. Jason W. Krug

PRAISING GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 98

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song!

People: **Sing to the Lord all the earth!**

Leader: Tell of his salvation from day to day!

People: **Declare his glory among all the nations!**

All: **Let us join our voices together and worship God!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Hymn 575

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) Holy God, we confess we are selfish people. We are so inwardly focused that we often do not consider the needs of those around us. You call us to be generous because you have been so generous with us. We are blessed to be a blessing, but we tend to hoard our blessings in fear. We say we trust you for all things, but our lives demonstrate a lack of this type of trust. Help us live generously. Help us consider others. Help us stop living in fear. Through the power of Jesus and with the help of the Holy Spirit we ask these things. 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 READING

I Samuel 3:1-11

Old Testament, page 215

SERMON

GROWING SMALLER

Rev. Stephen Murray

Shifting Our Focus

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Summons
(stanzas 1, 2 and 3)

Hymn 350

** Those who are able, please stand*

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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.

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*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Jon Wasson in 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00, Thomas Daniel 9:30 and 11:05

Lay Liturgist – Jim McNabb 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)

Ali Bolsinger, Director of Middle School Ministry, preaching at 11:05 in the Contemporary Worship Service

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Mary Margaret and Joe Willman in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary and with thanksgiving for the recent caring support given to them by the ladies of the Esther-Dorcas Circle.

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 for recently hospitalized: Alan Holman, Fred Hartmann.

Prayers for: Helene Maham, Claire Williams, Bonnie Brumley, Ardis Cox, Ed Pierson, Ann Elizabeth Marvin, Carol Smith, Pat Beckham, Eleanor Ferguson, Sterling and Brendan O'Hara, Julie and Pat Oles, Hank Beacham, 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 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: Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services, and Pam and Nico Daams at Wycliffe.

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

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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