

Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 a.m.

Austin, Texas

September 8, 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

from Psalm 80

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel.
People: **Hear us, for we are the sheep of your flock.**
Leader: Stir up your might so that we might see you.
People: **Let your face shine upon us and restore us.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Sing a New Song to the Lord

Hymn 13

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) Gracious God, we confess anew our need of your redeeming love in Jesus Christ. Apart from you we can do nothing. We know this. We acknowledge it. Yet so often we forget and try to go it alone. We attempt to meet life in our own strength and are overwhelmed. Forgive us this foolishness and give us a strong faith in you. Restore us and make us whole in your love. Give us strength to believe and to obey; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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
Defining Moments

Thomas Daniel

** Those who are able, please stand*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Summons

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

We are Called to Be God's People
(stanzas 1 and 2)

Hymn 580

**We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own,
Let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.**

**We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today;
Taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.**

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

God: "I have a plan for your life."
What it feels like:



Assisting in Worship

Jon Wasson at 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 and 11:05

Lay Liturgists – Kathryn Sedberry at 8:15, Melanie Williamson at 9:30, and Don Davis 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.

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

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: Nabila Shehnaz Holman Ladha, born August 26. Parents are Emily Holman and Ally Ladha. Grandparents are Susan and Alan Holman.

Prayers for recently hospitalized: Alan Holman.

Prayers for: Fred Hartmann, Jeff Rogers Sr., Ian Trautwein, 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: For Alejandría y Silvia. Praises for migraine relief for Anaitza. Prayers for Mercedes and David as we remember the life of Pupito. Grant to the church in Cuba the wisdom to bear witness to hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: Covenant Refugee Welcome Teams and Julie and Allen Weeks at Austin Voices for Education and Youth.

Prayers requested by the Session: Help us to lean on you for understanding and not on our own limited vision.

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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