

Yea, Though I Walk

A SERIES ON PSALM 23

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian!

We are glad to welcome you to worship. We know that “church” doesn’t just happen in a building. That’s why our mission is to build a community that is encouraging one another to follow Jesus wherever we live, work, and play. We have had this focus since we were founded in 1960, when we first began showing our love for Jesus by serving Austin and the world.

Yea, Though I Walk

Psalm 23 isn't just a passage; it's a prayer, a source of strength and comfort that has guided believers for centuries. Over the course of this 4-week series, we will study Psalm 23 and commit the passage to memory in order to build our spiritual toolkit for life's unexpected challenges.

Assisting in Worship

ASSISTING Jill Williams (8:15), Stephen Murray & Alice Sessi (9:30), Laura Tuma (11:00)

CHORISTERS & JOURNEY CHOIRS Sheryl Evans & Jerry Wise, directors

ORGANIST Michael Shuman

SANCTUARY CHOIR Yu-Hsin Teng, pianist

WORSHIP BAND Jerry Wise, director (11:00)

Daniel Izquierdo preaching at 11:30 a.m. at Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó (our sister church in Cuba)

PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, arr. Howard Helvey

Lasst uns erfreuen, arr. Richard Blake

Installed as a Deacon

DEACON CLASS OF 2025 Kathy Willis (8:15)

Baptized Today

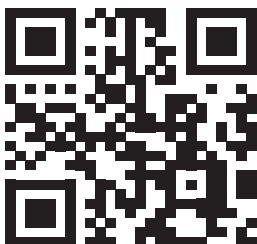
BAPTIZED AT THE 9:30 SERVICE: Sarah Katherine Standefer, born June 15, 2020,

Daughter of of Natalie and Brent Standefer. ELDER: Mary Beth Bosworth.

DEACON: Shannon Windham.

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Preparation & Praise

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is our Shepherd. Listen to his voice.

People: He keeps us on the right path, he keeps us safe.

Leader: The Lord is with us, in life and in death.

People: He treats us to a feast, and we are his special guests!

All: And we will live forever in His house.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn 440

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession. . .) **Loving God, we are like sheep, and we get lost. We forget the needs of our neighbors and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior, so we long for Jesus. Come, fill our lives. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 734

Ministry of the Word

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

Old Testament, NKJV

SERMON

Green Pastures and Still Waters

Thomas Daniel

Response to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Hymn 99, Verse 1

INSTALLATION OF AN OFFICER

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*PARTING HYMN

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Hymn 99, Verse 4

*BLESSING

*Those who are able, please stand

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RESPONSE

Be Still and Know
John Bell



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn 68, Verse 2

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sarah Katherine Standefer, born June 15, 2020
Daughter of of Natalie and Brent Standefer

Thomas Daniel

Jesus Loves Me

ANTHEM

The King of Love
arr. Paul Christiansen

Sanctuary Choir

The King of love my shepherd is whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
good shepherd may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Ministry of the Word

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SERMON

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Thomas Daniel

Response to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn 501

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

Do You Know Your Shepherd's Voice?
Suzanne Lord

Choristers & Journey Choir

Do you know your Shepherd's voice? Are you listening with your heart?
 Have you stopped to hear him calling, felt the peace his words impart?
 As the world shouts its orders that are easiest to hear,
 won't you draw away and listen to your Shepherd standing near?

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.
 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
 He leads me beside still waters.
 And he restores my soul.

*RESPONSE

Psalm 23 Doxology
**In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
 thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Alleluia, alleluia!**
**And so through all the length of days,
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise!**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION 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

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Hymn 99

*BLESSING

*Those who are able, please stand

Preparation & Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG	Sing, Rejoice, Clap Your Hands	arr. Mark Patterson
SONG	This Little Light of Mine	Traditional

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG	This Is Amazing Grace	arr. Phil Wickham
SONG	Shall Not Want	arr. Elevation Worship

OFFERING

Ministry of the Word

SCRIPTURE	Psalm 23
SERMON	Green Pastures and Still Waters Thomas Daniel

Response to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG	Be Still	arr. Hillsong
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BLESSING

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

**He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You *are* with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever.

Prayers of celebration and joy:

Isaac Scott Hegel born on April 24. Grandparents are Glenda and Greg Vander Laan.

Prayers of sympathy and support:

Stewart and Dandre Whitehead, family and friends on the death of father, father-in-law, and grandfather, Roy Laughton Whitehead, on April 20.

Becky Davis, family and friends on the death of husband, father, and grandfather, Ray Davis, on April 17.

Stefani Preston-Kryder and Matt Kryder, family and friends on the death of mother and mother-in-law, Lori Ann Preston, on April 9.

Judy Embrey, Doak and Scarlett Embrey, Ty and Celeste Embrey, family and friends on the death of brother-in-law and uncle, Fred Bednarski, on March 23.

Elaine and Kenneth Ferguson, family and friends on the death of father, father-in-law, grandfather, and great grandfather, John Neuenschwander, on March 22.

Prayers for recently hospitalized:

Creed Poore, Marge Martin, Barbara Worley, Pat Noel.

Prayers for:

Bill Rison, Andy Smith, Charlene Cole, Mary Adams, Lance Jones, Mike Westfall, Shirley Finney, Riley Evans, Bette Balmer, Amy Kopp, Rebekah Urban, Betsy Johnson, Kristin O'Brien, Cara Cotham, Tim Hurst, Debbie Smith.

Prayers for people serving in our country's armed forces:

USMC Maj. Katherine Ashton, US Navy Lieutenant Claten Bechtol, Army Warrant Officer Jessica Choe, and US Navy Lieutenant Drew Stockstill.

Prayers for our international sister churches:

Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó, Havana, Cuba and Ebenezer Church in Belize City, Belize.

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee:

Samaritan Counseling Center and Nico and Pam Daams at Wycliffe.

Prayers requested by the Session:

Prayers for the members receiving resumes and the discerning work of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC).

Although prayer requests will be removed from this listing after three weeks, please contact Jana Harrison in the church office, 512-334-3030, or jharrison@covenant.org, if prayer continues to be requested.

Announcements



An Evening with IJM WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

The Mission Committee is thrilled to invite you to a special evening dedicated to our partnership with International Justice Mission's Ghana Field Office. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the impactful work being done in Ghana and explore ways we can support these efforts. We'll kick off the evening with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in FE200, followed by a concise program from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Don't miss this chance to connect with our congregation and learn about this great cause. Register today at covenant.org/IJM.

Armchair Travelers THURSDAY, MAY 2

Armchair Travelers will have their last meeting of the year on Thursday, May 2 with Bretna Hackert and Susan Telge presenting their Great Rails Journey thru the Highlands of Scotland from the fall of 2023. The trip included high tea on a double-decker bus in Edinburgh, the Jacobite steam engine over the Glenfinnan Viaduct, feeding Highland coos, touring castles, and cruising on lochs. Unfortunately, there were no sightings of Nessie. They will meet at 7 p.m. in FE200, with light refreshments provided. Learn more at covenant.org/senior-adults.

Hymn Festival SUNDAY, MAY 19

The Sanctuary Choir will present a hymn festival on Sunday, May 19, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This event will include choir, instruments, organ, and congregational singing of hymns as well as related readings. Come join the musicians to celebrate, rejoice, and give glory through singing praises to God. All are welcome to this event. We hope to see you there!

Annual Church Picnic SUNDAY, MAY 5

Covenant's Annual Church Picnic is coming up on May 5 at the Skaggs' ranch (13600 FM 1826). Come prepared for volleyball, swimming in the creek, kickball, and rocking chair visits. We'll be visiting from 4 p.m. to sundown. Pack a meal and something to sit on, but please leave your furry friends at home.

Cuba Ministry

Covenant's Cuba ministry partnership sustains and nurtures our long-term relationships with our Cuban brothers and sisters in Christ, particularly with the Presbyterian Church in the Havana barrio known as Luyanó. This fall, Covenant will take travelers to visit our sister church in Cuba, and we are currently accepting applications! Visit us on the patio between services today, or find us online at covenant.org/cuba.

Formation Cohorts

Our 2024-2025 Formation Cohorts are now open! Individuals in these cohorts commit to a nine-month journey of cultivating spiritual and missional practices through quarterly retreats, monthly video calls, and short weekly assignments. This incredible formation opportunity will kick off in September, however interest forms are due by June 3. Visit us today on the patio or online at covenant.org/cohorts

Young Adult Brunch TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Our monthly young adult's brunch offers guests in their 20s and 30s the chance to get to know one another over great food in a relaxed environment. April's brunch will be held today after the 11:00 a.m. service in the home of Lorraine & Chuck Volk, 5511 Woodview Avenue. Register or learn more at covenant.org/young-adults.



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