

Covenant Presbyterian Church

11:00 a.m.

Austin, Texas

September 10, 2017

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Beach Spring

Wayne L. Wold

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.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple
The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble

George F. Root

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.
Habakkuk 2:20

MOMENT OF STILLNESS AND QUIET

*HYMN OF INVITATION

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Hymn 655

(In 11:00 worship - children ages four through second grade are invited to Sunday School)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:12

New Testament, page 837

SERMON

FORMED
You Are My Beloved

Thomas Daniel

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Be Still and Know

The Iona Community

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Be Still and Know'. The first staff is for the Cantor and the second is for the congregation. The music is in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are: 'Be still and know that I am God ALL: and there is none beside me. Be still and know that I am God and there is none beside me.'

Cantor:

I am the One who calls you my friends,
I am the One whose love never fails,
I am the One who says, "Follow me,"
Be still and know that I am God,

All:

And there is none beside me. Be still...
And there is none...
And there is none...
And there is none...

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**Those who are able, please stand*

PRAYER OF EXAMEN

PRESENCE
GRATITUDE
REVIEW
PRAYER
EXPECTATION

ANTHEM *The Best of Rooms*

Donald Busarow
The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble
Tammy Linn, *violin*

violin arr. T. Brown

Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes, to feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms;
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part of all the house; the best of all's the heart.

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) Father, forgive us for the immaturity of our faith. There are so many areas of life where faith in Christ is not our primary motivation. Help us to see life more and more as a whole, and grant that we may experience the wholeness that comes from integrating our lives more completely into Christ. Forgive us yet again for our sins, and prevent us from ever presuming your forgiveness. Give us peace when we are honest and open with you, and restlessness when we pretend to be other than we know we are; 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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Jesus Christ,
let us be reconciled to each other by sharing a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

The Lord is My Shepherd
The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble
Tammy Linn, *violin*

Will Todd

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord.
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 comfort me.
You are my shepherd.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord.
(extracts from Psalm 23)

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 34

***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 *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Hymn 424

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Emily Maxson Porter

Assisting in Worship

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

The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble – Tom Brown, director

Jordan Van de Vere – baritone soloist

John Schmidt – organist

Adolfo Ham 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 by Leslie and Gaines Bagby with thanksgiving for the blessing of marriage on their 23rd wedding anniversary on September 10th.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Lynn Beierle in loving memory of Bro, on the anniversary of their wedding on September 7, 1957.

Examen

Presence: Become aware of God's presence. Spend a moment in silence in the company of the Holy Spirit asking God to bring clarity to your day.

Gratitude: Recall one or two things that happened today for which you can be grateful. What gifts did you receive today? What gifts did you give? Thank God for these gifts.

Review: Review your day from beginning to end and notice where you felt God's presence. Pay attention to your emotions. When did you love? When were you loved? When were you known? When did you know others?

Pray: Choose one experience of the day and pray about it. Ask God to lead your prayer to something specific about today. Maybe it's a significant encounter or a feeling you experienced. Whether the prayer be repentance, gratitude, praise, or intercession, spend a moment praying.

Expect: Look toward tomorrow. Ask God to grant you the wisdom, courage, and grace you will need to meet tomorrow's challenges. Again, pay attention to your feelings about tomorrow. Are you anxious? Stressed? Cheerful?

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

COMMUNITY LIFE GUIDE – Explore the many opportunities available for engaging in the three vital spiritual practices of Solitude, Community, and Service: covenant.org/lifeguidefall2017/

DAILY DEVOTIONAL – If you don't have a regular practice of prayer and scripture reading,

we invite you to pray and read with us every day by subscribing to the daily devotional email:
covenant.org/dailydevo

ALPHA – Got Questions? #TRYALPHA An 11– session video series and discussion in which participants explore faith and what it means to be a Christian in a friendly, informal, and open environment. Wednesdays from 6-8pm in FE 200. Learn more and sign up at covenant.org/alpha
For more information, contact Kathryn Sedberry at ksedberry@covenant.org.

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 turquoise table on the patio 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 about Covenant's many groups, programs and events, contact Amy Skaggs 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: Thomas Chapman Allen, born August 28. Parents are Christina and Thomas Allen.

Mila Claire Owens, born August 18. Parents are Brittany and Ryan Owens.

Nova Lee Victore, born July 27. Parents are Laura and James Victore. Grandparents are Cherry and Bob Raley.

Prayers of sympathy and support: Shirley McGee, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Tom McGee, on August 26.

Prayers for recently hospitalized: Pat Kinsey, Tom Fry.

Prayers for: Bridgette Kershner, Joanne Myers, Jacob Rodehaver, Matt Blitch, Shirley McGee, Ed Preston, Marlene Watts, Bob Ball, Jay Williams, Ann Glass, Tana Taylor, Marvin Cressman, Chuck Roth, Bridget Lonseth, Harry Tipton, LuAnn and Jerry Bennett, David Phinney, Betty Andrews, T.J. Chapman, Dorothy Taylor, Cindy Sullivan, Kathy Shook, Meghan Still, Erin Young, Denise Myers, Riley Furlong.

Prayers for people serving in our country's armed forces: Lt. Will Beckham, USAF 2LT Gonzalo Hernando, USMC 1st Lt. Katherine Ashton, USA Pvt. Jessica Choe, USA 2LT Ben Smith, USN LCDR Bryan Gunkel, USA Col. Janet Riley, USAF Lt. Katy Deiters, USAF A1C Taylor Cotham, USA Maj. Seth Pruett, USA Capt. Matt Irwin, USN LCDR Austin Wade Latour, USAF Lt. Col. Joseph Chennault, USA SFC Kevin Guy.

Prayers requested by our sister church, Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó, in Havana Cuba: Para Zaida García Triana, toda la familia de Iliana García y Manuel López, María del Carmen, Yamilet Sánchez, Aida Fuentes, Letdy González, Daniel Izquierdo y Martina Izquierdo. Thanksgiving for shared missional outreach to our communities in Austin and Luyanó. ¡Gracias a Dios!

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: Drive-A-Senior West Austin and Thais and Doug Kilday.

Prayers requested by the Session: For comfort and restoration for all those who have been affected by the recent natural disasters.

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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