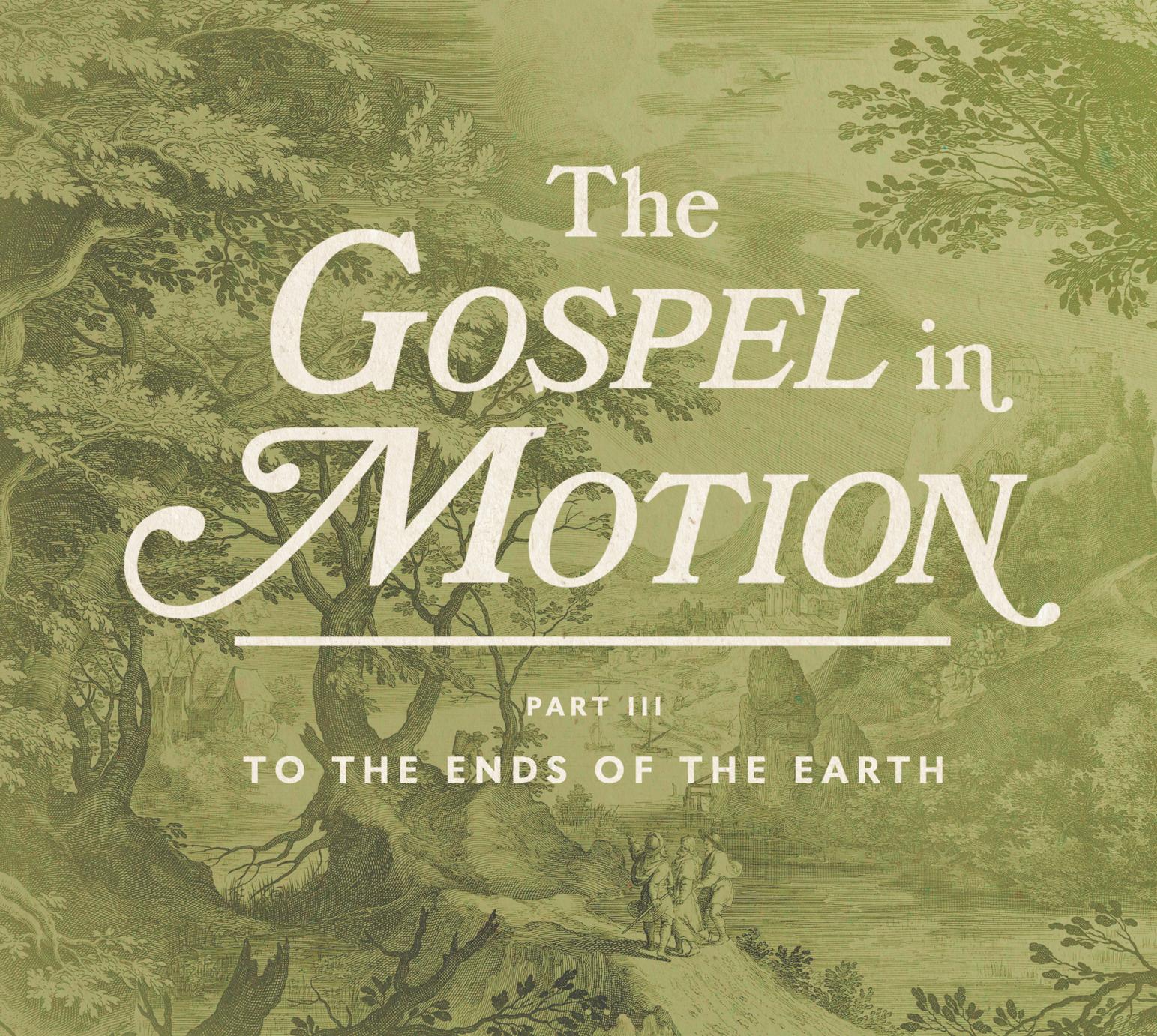


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The
GOSPEL in
MOTION

PART III
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian!

We are glad to welcome you to worship this Sunday. 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.



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About Today's Service

Gospel in Motion

This program year, Covenant has embarked on a year-long journey through the Book of Acts, Luke's sweeping account of how the Gospel first took root and spread beyond all boundaries. This remarkable narrative follows the early church as it moves from Jerusalem into the wider world, watching ordinary believers become empowered carriers of an extraordinary message. The Spirit transforms fishermen into preachers, skeptics into missionaries, and scattered communities into a unified movement that would change history.

Structured in four parts with intentional pauses for Advent and Lent, this series invites us to trace that ancient movement while discovering how the same Spirit continues to call, equip, and send us into our world today. Together, we'll explore not just what happened then, but what God is doing now and how we're part of that ongoing story.

Assisting in Worship

ASSISTING Ben Davison (8:15, 9:30 & 11:00), Stephen Murray (9:30)

ORGANIST Michael Shuman

20-MINUTE CHOIR Yu Hsin Teng, piano (9:30)

WORSHIP BAND Jerry Wise, leader (11:00)

Elder and Deacon to be Installed

ELDER CLASS OF 2029 Kelly Dwyer

DEACON CLASS OF 2029 Nancy Bulhon

Extending a Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members

Judson Kauffman, Renée Kauffman, Andy Schonert, Jeannette Sledge, Jim Surratt, Liz Surratt

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Call to Worship from Psalm 100.

Prayer of Confession from The Worship Sourcebook, 2nd edition.



New to Covenant?

Learn more about Covenant Presbyterian, our worship services, childcare options, and how to get involved. Just scan the QR code with your smart phone's camera, or visit covenant.org/visit.

Preparation & Praise

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

People: It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.

*HYMN 2

O Worship The King

LYONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession. . .) **God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.**

RESPONSE

Kyrie

S. Michael Shuman

Music and lyrics can be found on next page at 9:30 service.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE 734

Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

Ministry of the Word

SCRIPTURE

Acts 15:36-41

page 900

SERMON

Never Waste A Good Conflict

Allen Hilton

Response to the Word

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 740

The Lord's Prayer

MALOTTE

*BLESSING

*Those who are able, please stand

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Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems. The first system has two staves of music. The lyrics for the first system are: "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. God on high, A - do - nai, in your mer - cy grant us peace." The second system also has two staves of music. The lyrics for the second system are: "Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. God on high, A - do - nai, in your mer - cy grant us peace." The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE 734

Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

OFFERING

Come Build A Church

20-Minute Choir

Ken Medema

Lyrics can be found on Page 543 of the hymnal

*RESPONSE 147

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ministry of the Word

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COMMUNION LITURGY

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN 65

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

DUNDEE

HYMN 604

Great God, as We Are Gathering

MORNING SONG

HYMN 695

As We Gather at Your Table

BEACH SPRING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 740

The Lord's Prayer

MALOTTE

*RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BLESSING

*Those who are able, please stand

Preparation & Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG Here For You Matt Redman

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG Rest On Us Maverick City

OFFERING

Ministry of the Word

SCRIPTURE Acts 15:36-41

SERMON Never Waste A Good Conflict Allen Hilton

Response to the Word

COMMUNION & PRAYER STATIONS

 INVITATION

 PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

 SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SONG You Belong (Psalm 87) Wendall Kimbrough

SONG Way Maker Leeland

BLESSING

Acts 15:36-41

After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Come, let us return and visit the brothers and sisters in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing."

Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus.

But Paul chose Silas and set out, the brothers and sisters commending him to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Prayers of joy and celebration:

Claire Iris Duck, born on April 15. Grandmother is Melanie Williamson.

William "Baker" Sledge, born on April 13. Parents are Brian and Shauna Sledge. Grandmother is Jeannette Baker Sledge.

Prayers of sympathy and support:

Billie Fay Grayson, family and friends on the death of stepson Glenn Grayson's wife, Liz Grayson, on April 24.

Donna Barksdale, family and friends, on the death of husband, Jim Barksdale, on February 24.

John and Anna Scurlock, family and friends, on the death of mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Jan Scurlock, on April 9.

Eleanor, David, Pam, Cameron and Benjamin Ferguson, Abby and Michael Haynie, family and friends on the death of husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Dave Ferguson, on April 1. A Memorial Service will be held at Covenant on Saturday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Recently hospitalized:

Cindy Adams, Kit Chenault, Mieke Varenbrink.

Prayers for:

Nancy Murray, Aaron Johnson, Pastor Jill Williams, Pastor Daniel Izquierdo in Cuba, Jesse Reyes, Jim Chapman, Mark Woodruff, Monroe Talley, Amy Kopp, Debbie Colley, Jean Cunningham.

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

Army Green Beret Sergeant Ryan Matthew McPhail, USMC Major Katherine Ashton, US Navy Lieutenant Commander Claten Bechtol, Army Warrant Officer Jessica Choe, US Navy Lieutenant Drew Stockstill, and USMC Second Lieutenant Caleb Green.

Prayers for our international sister churches:

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

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee:

Drive-a-Senior and Danny & Kristin Franklin in Thailand.

Prayers requested by the Session:

Prayers for the Congregational Nominating Committee as it discerns the nominees for the Pastoral Nominating Committee and for the Covenant members who are called and elected to serve.

CHURCH PICNIC



MAY 3, 4 P.M. - DUSK
AT THE SKAGGS' RANCH

ADDRESS: 13600 FM 1826

- Drive south on MoPac until it curves hard right and turns into TX-45.
- Go west on TX-45 until it ends at FM 1826, then turn left.
- Drive 1.8 miles down FM 1826.
- Look for the picnic banner on the left and the gate with a metal star.
- Go half a mile down the paved road to the Skaggs' house.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- BYO food and drinks
- Bring cookies to share if you like
- Leave furry friends at home
- Fun for all ages

Churchwide Picnic TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 3

Covenant's Annual Church Picnic is on today 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 dark. Pack your family picnic meal, personal drinks, something to sit on, and a dessert to share, but please leave your furry friends at home. Water and lemonade will be provided. Details & directions available at the patio kiosk outside or online at covenant.org/picnic. See you at the ranch!

Rev. Jill Williams Caring Bridge

We continue to unite in prayer for Rev. Jill Williams during her ongoing treatment for endometrial cancer. Updates may be found on Jill's caring bridge site, caringbridge.org/visit/jillwilliams.

Manos de Cristo Collection APRIL 26 - MAY 10

From now through May 10, Covenant is collecting essential items for mothers in need through Manos de Cristo. Place donations in patio bins on Sundays or in the Covenant Hall entry during business hours. Requested items include shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, sanitary pads, new women's underwear (S-M), and pantry staples such as mac and cheese, peanut butter, and cereal.

Senior Sunday MAY 17

Join us on Sunday, May 17 as we celebrate our graduating seniors. Seniors will be recognized during the 11:00 a.m. service, with a reception for seniors and their families to follow in FE100. Learn more and RSVP your senior at covenant.org/senior-sunday.

Soul Care Silent Retreat SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2026

This September, Covenant will host an overnight silent retreat at Cedarbrake Retreat Center. Twenty-four hours of silence creates space to listen for God's presence and rest in the Holy Spirit. Meals and private lodging are provided. Space is limited. Register by May 31 at covenant.org/silent-retreat.

