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The *GOSPEL* in *MOTION*

PART IV

THE HOPE WITHIN US

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.

The flower arrangement in the sanctuary today is given to the glory of God by Marv and Bretna Hackert in celebration of and thanksgiving for 34 years of marriage.

Assisting in Worship

ASSISTING Christian Antwi (8:15), Allen Hilton (9:30), Jill Williams (9:30 & 11:00)

ORGANIST Michael Shuman

MUSICIANS Elizabeth Gilligan, GinnyRae Joy (9:30)

WORSHIP BAND Holly Diven, leader (11:00)

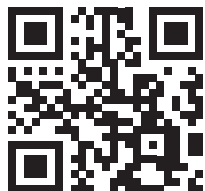
PRELUDE & POSTLUDE (9:30)

Dove of Peace, arr. David M. Cherwien

Aurelia, arr. Don Phillips

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

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Preparation & Praise

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the presence of the living God, who calls us to serve with humility and courage.

People: **We come to worship the Lord who has redeemed us by his grace.**

Leader: The Apostle Paul testified to the good news of God's grace and entrusted the church to God's care.

People: **We place our trust in God, whose word builds us up and gives us an inheritance among the saints.**

Leader: We seek to follow Christ with willing hearts, loving God and serving our neighbors.

All: **Let us worship the Lord with joy, thanksgiving, and faithful devotion.**

*HYMN 426

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession. . .) **Merciful God, You have called us to watchfulness, faithfulness, and love, yet we confess that we often grow careless in discipleship. We neglect Your Word, avoid difficult truths, and seek comfort more than obedience. We fail to care for one another as members of Christ's flock. Forgive us for pride, fear, and spiritual complacency. By Your Spirit renew Your Church, restore our hearts, and teach us again to follow Christ in humility and truth. 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 20:17-38

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SERMON

Living an Open Life

Ben Davison

Response to the Word

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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*HYMN 552

We All Are One in Mission

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Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
arr. Lloyd Larson

*RESPONSE 34

Doxology

OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Shepherd Me, O God

MARTY HAUGEN



Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from death in - to life.

HYMN 706

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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.

*HYMN 426

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

*BLESSING

*Those who are able, please stand

Preparation & Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG My Testimony Elevation Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG Come Thou Fount Traditional

OFFERING

Ministry of the Word

SCRIPTURE Acts 20:17-38

SERMON Living an Open Life Ben Davison

Response to the Word

COMMUNION & PRAYER STATIONS

 INVITATION

 PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

 SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SONG Here I Am To Worship Tim Hughes

SONG Blessed Assurance Traditional

BLESSING

Acts 20:17-38

Prayers of joy and celebration:

Greta Smith Granberry was born on June 14. Grandparents are W. Gaines & Leslie Bagby.

Austin Porter Swanson was born on May 15. Grandparents are Diane & Bob Swanson.

Logan Michael TouVelle-Duck was born on June 16. Grandmother is Melanie Williamson.

Prayers of sympathy and support:

Charlie Betts, family and friends on the death of sister, Cheryl Hartzell on June 20.

Lynda Chapman, family and friends on the death of husband, Jim Chapman, on June 14. A Memorial Service will be held at Covenant on Saturday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Allison and Kelly, Emily, Annabel, Katherine, and Maggie Dwyer, family and friends on the death of brother, brother-in-law, and uncle, Jack Lee Allbritton, Jr. on May 23.

Prayers for:

Jo Nell Huff, Chuck Garcia, Eleanor Ferguson, Nancy Murray, Ginger Hurst, Aaron Johnson, Pastor Jill Williams, Jesse Reyes, Mark Woodruff, Monroe Talley, Amy Kopp, 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:

Covenant Cuba Partnership and Terry Cole at Street Youth Ministry.

Prayers requested by the Session:

Prayers for the newly elected Pastor Nominating Committee as they begin building their unity of purpose and work of prayerful discernment.

Announcements

Summer at Covenant

Summer is a great time to connect, grow, and enjoy community together. Explore events, studies, and activities for all ages at covenant.org/summer.

Reel Ministry

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 8, 15, 22 & 29

Join us at Alamo Drafthouse Village for an evening of fellowship, food, and thought-provoking films. Each week, we'll enjoy a movie together followed by conversation exploring its themes and insights. Attendance is free, but participants are asked to support Alamo Drafthouse by purchasing at least \$10 in food and beverages. Featured films include Eleanor the Great (July 8), A Little Prayer (July 15), Small Things Like These (July 22), and Get Low (July 29). Register and learn more at covenant.org/summer.

Young Adult Social Hour

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to gather for an evening of fellowship on Friday, July 10, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Lazarus on Airport Blvd. Bring a friend and enjoy good conversation in a relaxed setting. Register at covenant.org/summer.

Kids Pool Party

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Cool off at our fourth annual Kids Pool Party at Westover Hills Club on July 11 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Enjoy swimming, breakfast tacos, donuts, and a fun morning together. We'll wrap up in time for naps and a restful afternoon. Learn more at covenant.org/summer.

20-Minute Choir

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Sing in the choir without a weekly commitment! The 20-Minute Choir meets July 12 in the Sanctuary choir room at 9:00 a.m. to prepare for the 9:30 service. Open to high schoolers and adults. No registration required. More details at covenant.org/summer.

Sundae Summer Singles

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Looking to connect with others this summer? Singles in their 40s and 50s are invited to join us on Sunday, July 12, following the 11:00 a.m. service in the Eaton Hall Café for an ice cream social. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of fellowship, conversation, and new friendships. Details at covenant.org/summer.

Youth at Cidercade

MONDAY, JULY 13

Middle and high school students are invited to join us at Cidercade on Monday, July 13, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Enjoy an evening of arcade games, pizza, and time together. The event is free but registration is required at covenant.org/summer.

Belize Work Trip Opportunity

SEPTEMBER 9-16

Covenant's sister church in Belize has invited us to help meet an urgent need at a local children's home. From September 9-16, a team will serve through hands-on repair and improvement projects. Whether you're skilled with home repairs or simply willing to serve, there's a place for you. Contact Whitney Bell at wbell@covenant.org by July 10 to express interest.



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