



The Choices Before Us

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

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.



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Despite the challenges of imprisonment, Paul's words in the Book of Philippians emphasize joy, perseverance, and the strength found in Christ. This fall, we will spend 12 weeks exploring Paul's letter to the city of Philippi, drawing parallels to the challenges we face today. The series, entitled *The Choices Before Us*, will feature Sunday morning sermons followed by Wednesday evening deep dives, which will expand on the material from the week before.

Flower Dedications

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Sandra and John Winkler in honor of Stacy Curtis, their beloved daughter.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Scott Midgett in loving memory of Bill Midgett.

Assisting in Worship

ASSISTING Dan Hart (8:15), Ben Davison (8:15), Thomas Daniel (9:30),
Melanie Williamson (9:30), Jill Williams (11:00)

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)

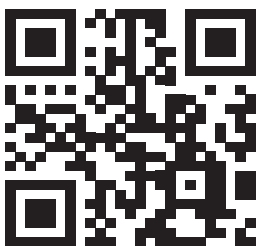
PRELUDE & POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns, arr. Mary McDonald & Lloyd Larson

Lauda Anima, arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace

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Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession from from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol 2



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Preparation & Praise

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come.

**People: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

People: The whole earth is full of God's glory.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ The Eternal Lord

Hymn 335

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession. . .) **Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, lack of trust, desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. Amen.**

RESPONSE

Lord Have Mercy

The Brilliance

(Music and lyrics can be found on the following page.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 734

Ministry of the Word

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2: 5-11, 4: 19-20, 23

pages 954, 956

SERMON

How to Walk in the Reign

Allen Hilton

Response to the Word

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*PARTING HYMN

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Hymn 342, Verse 1

*BLESSING

*Those who are able, please stand

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People: And also with you.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

An Expression of Gratitude
David Schwoebel

Sanctuary Choir

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.

Always with joy in ev'ry prayer for you.

In every prayer with joy, I thank my God.

I thank my God for your fellowship in the gospel from the very first day 'til now.

I thank my God for you.

And I am sure that he, who began a good work in you, will bring it to completion at the day of Christ

And this I pray that your love may abound more and more.

Abound in knowledge, in judgement, that you may approve what is excellent to the glory of God.

That you may be pure and blameless, filled with the fruits of righteousness which comes through Christ Jesus

*RESPONSE

Doxology

Hymn 34

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*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

Now Thank We All Our God

Hymn 14

*BLESSING

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CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG Crown Him With Many Crowns arr. Traditional

SONG Glorious Day arr. Passion

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG Gratitude arr. Brandon Lake

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG King of Kings arr. Hillsong

OFFERING

Ministry of the Word

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SERMON How to Walk in the Reign
Allen Hilton***Response to the Word***

SONG Only King Forever arr. Elevation Worship

BLESSING

Philippians 2: 5-11, 4: 19-20, 23

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Prayers of celebration and joy:

Hayes Andrew Mann was born on November 14. Grandparents are Nelson and Laurie Mann.

Prayers of sympathy and support:

Family and friends of Don G. Davis, on his death November 21.

Kathryn Tozour, Dustin and Amy Johnson, family and friends on the death of mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Judy Johnson, on November 7.

Kelly and Chris Olson, family and friends on the death of stepbrother, Jason Davis on November 4 and father and father-in-law, Ed Gardner, on October 28.

Prayers for:

Tim Hurst, Charles Heimsath, Ruth Rhoades, Kathy McLean, Jean Cunningham, Brittany Swanger, Debbie Colley, Susie Fults, Bill Rison, Shirley Finney, Amy Kopp, Betsy Johnson, Cara Cotham.

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

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

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 & Pam Daams at Wycliffe.

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.



Advent Calendar of Events

12/1 Hanging of the Green

9:30 a.m. in Sanctuary & 11:00 a.m. in FE200

12/8 Poems of Incarnation

9:30 a.m., Covenant FE100

12/8 Covenant Kids Advent Dinner

5:00 p.m. in Sanctuary & FE200

12/11 Youth Thanksmas Party

MS at 5:30 p.m., HS at 7:00 p.m. in FE400

12/11 Children's Choir Christmas Musical

6:00 p.m., Covenant Sanctuary

12/14 Advent Silent Retreat

9:00 a.m., Covenant Sanctuary & FE400

12/15 Kid's Birthday Party for Jesus

9:30 a.m. in FE300

12/15 Young Adult Christmas Party

6:00 p.m. in Home of Lynn & Neil Adams

12/17 VISIONS Christmas Party

10:00 a.m. in FE200

12/22 Lessons & Carols Worship Service

8:15 & 9:30 a.m. in Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m. in FE200

12/24 Christmas Eve Worship Services

2:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service in Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Children & Family Service in Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Candlelight Service in FE200

8:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service in Sanctuary

THE 5:00 & 8:30 P.M. SERVICES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED

Learn more about all of our Advent events and initiatives at covenant.org/advent.

Advent Devotionals

AVAILABLE NOW

The Advent devotional contains four weeks of scripture and guidance to carry you through the Advent season. Devotionals are available in the Narthex, in the lobby of FEB and online at covenant.org/advent.

Hanging of the Green

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Join us as we begin the Advent season with our annual Hanging of the Green on December 1, during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. This cherished Covenant tradition helps us prepare our hearts and worship spaces for the fullness of Christ's presence this Christmas season. We are still looking for children, families, and volunteers to help make this year's program extra special! If you're interested, please contact Mary Wilson at marypwilsonaustin@gmail.com.

Tamale Sales

THROUGH NOVEMBER 29

Spice up your holiday celebrations with delicious tamales and support Covenant's long-time mission partner, Manos de Cristo. Place your order by this Friday, November 29, at covenant.org/tamales. Select Covenant at checkout, and we'll have them conveniently ready for you on campus on December 6.

Young Adult Brunch

TODAY, NOVEMBER 24

Our monthly young adult brunch offers guests in their 20s and 30s the chance to get to know one another over great food in a relaxed environment. November's gathering is today at 12:15 p.m. on the 4th floor of FEB. Register or learn more at covenant.org/young-adults.



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