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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Encouraging
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wherever we live,
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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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Eastertide

Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter marks the beginning of the season of Eastertide, the fifty days that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the meaning of Christ's resurrection, and for joyful Christian living.

Assisting in Worship

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

MUSICIANS Michael Shuman, Will Sedberry (9:30); Yu-Hsin Teng, Omen Safavi (8:15)

PRO MUSICA Elizabeth Gilligan, director

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)

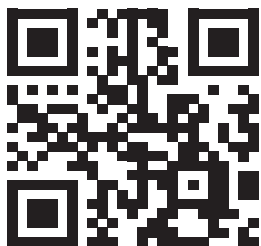
Baptized Today

BAPTIZED AT THE 9:30 SERVICE: Julie "Betts" Butter, born November 18, 2024

Daughter of Sarah Frances and Zane "ZB" Butter ELDER: Emily Ross DEACON: Breece Adams

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Preparation & Praise

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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People: Hallelujah Praise the Lord! Praise God for his mighty deeds!

Leader: Praise God according to his surpassing greatness!

People: Praise the Lord!

All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!

Hymn 320

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession. . .) **Holy God, we confess that we have not been faithful witnesses to the resurrection. Jesus stands among us in word, sacrament, and neighbor, but we fail to recognize him. Jesus reigns over us as the risen Lord of all, but we fail to honor him. Jesus moves within us through the work of your Spirit, but we fail to respond. Forgive us, God of grace. Keep us in your presence, guide us by your Word, and fill us with your Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed! Amen.**

RESPONSE

Lord Have Mercy

Craig Phillips

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 734

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SERMON

Invaluable!

Allen Hilton

Response to the Word

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*PARTING HYMN

Church of God, Elect And Glorious

Hymn 541, Verse 1

*BLESSING

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RESPONSE

Lord Have Mercy

The Brilliance

Lord have mer-cy Christ have mer-cy Lord have mer-cy Christ have mer-cy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE

Rejoice In All Your Works

Wendell Kimbrough

**Oh rejoice in all Your works, King of Heaven, King of Earth!
Every creature You have made declares Your praise.
We rejoice in all You've made, God of all-sustaining grace;
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing Your praise!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Julie "Betts" Butter, born November 18, 2024
 Daughter of Sarah Frances and Zane "ZB" Butter

Ben Davison

Jesus Loves Me

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Will Rise
 arr. Chris Tomlin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

Lift High the Cross
 arr. Lloyd Larson

Pro Musica

*RESPONSE

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 147

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.**Praise God all creatures high and low.****Alleluia, alleluia!****Praise God, in Jesus fully known:****Creator, Word, and Spirit one.****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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn 59

*BLESSING

Preparation & Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG House Of The Lord arr. Phil Wickham

SONG Your Love Never Fails arr. Jesus Culture

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG Made For More arr. Josh Baldwin

SONG Build My Life arr. Housefires

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BLESSING

John 20:19-22

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Prayers of celebration and joy:

Madison Ann Tozour born on April 9. Parents are Katie and Paul Tozour.

Prayers of sympathy and support:

Cynthia Tays, family and friends on the death of husband, Rodney Schmidt, on April 3.

Dudley and Julie McClellan, daughters Anna and Audrey, and family and friends on the death of mother, mother-in-law and grandmother Carole Keeton on March 26.

Prayers for:

Frizzell and Barnard families, Lorraine Volk, Clyde Hartter, Mark Trifiro, Don Zappone, Grant Easterday, Holly and Joe Skraba, Jim Huckaby, Page Harris, Ruth Rhoades, 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:

Army Green Beret Sergeant Ryan Matthew McPhail, USMC Major Katherine Ashton, US Navy Lieutenant Commander 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 First Stone Church in Belize City, Belize.

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee:

Covenant Refugee Welcome Team and Noel and Emily Coppedge with RUF International Ministry.

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.



Courageous Conversation

THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

At Covenant, we believe in building a community united across differences for the common good. On Wednesday, April 30, Dr. Allen Hilton returns to lead a powerful evening of dialogue and discovery. Drawing on his experience as a Yale professor and pastor, Dr. Hilton will guide us through practical strategies for bridging divides. There will be a dinner at 5:00 p.m. in FE200, followed by conversation at 6:15.

Learn more at covenant.org/cou-con.

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! Learn more by visiting us outside between services today, or find us online at covenant.org/cuba.

We Shall All Be Changed: Resurrection Study

BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 4

Join Stephen Murray on May 4 & 11 at 9:30 a.m. in FE100 for a class exploring how the resurrection shapes our lives today and our hope for the life to come. Details at covenant.org/be-changed.

Something Better: Book Talk & Study on Forgiveness

BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 4

Join Allen Hilton and author Diane Parrish for a conversation on faith and forgiveness in fiction, Sunday, May 4 at 11 a.m. in FE100. Come back May 11 & 18 for a two-part study on the book's themes.

Book info and details at covenant.org/something-better.

Churchwide Picnic

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 4

Covenant's Annual Church Picnic is on May 4 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 at covenant.org/picnic. See you at the ranch!

The Trinity Sermon Series

BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 4

Our final series of the program year centers on the mysterious and beautiful doctrine of the Trinity—God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Inspired by the 15th-century icon by Andrei Rublev, we'll explore each Person of the Trinity and the invitation extended to us to join the divine table. Each week, we'll focus on one Person of the Trinity and reflect on how we're called to engage with God in our everyday lives through creation, forgiveness, and the Spirit's movement among us.

Construction Updates

Thank you for your patience and partnership as we navigate campus construction. For maps, renderings and ongoing updates visit covenant.org/construction.

Young Adult Brunch

TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 27

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. April's gathering is today April 27, at 12:15 p.m. in the home of Beth & Fred Voorhees, 5927 Overlook Dr. Register or learn more at covenant.org/young-adults.



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