

Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 and 11:00 am

Austin, Texas

January 6, 2008

Epiphany of the Lord

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

The Old Year Is Past

J. S. Bach

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

PRAISING GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

People: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

People: And drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

People: And be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

People: And be warmed by the fire of love.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Gather Us In

Hymn 649, stanzas 1 – 3

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord Is In His Holy Temple

Hymn 387

**The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord is in his holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence, let all the earth keep silence before him,
Keep silence, keep silence before him.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord . . .

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 734

* - Those who are able, please stand

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**

BUILDING BEYOND BOUNDARIES

Doug Kilday

GIVING OF OURSELVES IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(9:30)

If You Love Me
The Nine-Thirty Choir
Shannon Quisenberry, soloist

Mark Patterson

(11:00)

Awake My Heart
The Sanctuary Choir

Jane Marshall

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

(11:00 – Younger children dismissed for Children's Worship)

ANTHEM (9:30)

Go Ye Therefore
The Nine-Thirty Choir

Mary McDonald

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:3-6
Philippians 3:10-15

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SERMON

By God's Own Grace and Power ...

Rick Murray

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Thy Holy Wings

Hymn 456

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Who is your lord and savior?
Do you trust in him?
Will you continue to be his disciple, obey his word, and show his love?
Will you seek to serve Jesus with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love
as we enter into this New Year?

MUSIC DURING RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS *Baptized in Water*

Hymn 679

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
One with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

*PARTING HYMN

Go to the World

Hymn 553

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Epilogue on "Dix"

William H. Harris

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Jill Williams at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00; Rick MacArthur preaching at 11:15 and 6:30 Service for Wholeness and Healing and assisting at 9:30; Chesney Szaniszlo at 11:00, Dora Arce Valentín at 11:30 (Iglesia Luyanó, our sister church in Cuba), Robbie Ytterberg at 6:30, and Tom Mitchell at 11:15 and 6:30 Service for Wholeness and Healing

John Schmidt, organist

The Nine-Thirty Choir – John Winkler, director; Olga Blednova, accompanist

The Sanctuary Choir – Tom Brown, director

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Jim and Shellie Crow in celebration of the birthday of Sarah Catherine Crow and in memory of her sister, Rebecca Alyce Crow.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Ashley and Andrew Ellison in loving memory of Shane Howard Ellison.

Mission Statement

By God's own grace and power,

Covenant Presbyterian Church

will be a church of

passionate worship, sacrificial service, respectful evangelism,

authentic fellowship, and rich discipleship –

a place where seekers are invited and equipped

to become mature disciples of Christ

in Austin and around the world.

Listening Session Scheduled for THIS AFTERNOON

Members of the Committee on Ministry of Mission Presbytery will facilitate a listening session this afternoon in the Parlor beginning at 5:00 PM.

Congregational Meeting Called for Sunday, January 13, 2008

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 13, 2008 in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM for the purpose of approving the terms of call for pastors.

Out of respect for our neighbors, please refrain from parking on the streets in the Allandale neighborhood, especially on Louise Lane and Marilyn Street.

Overflow parking is located in the UTAIC parking garage, and the Park and Shuttle Service is available to bring you to the Covenant Campus

For more information about events at Covenant,
please see our *Covenant Matters* handout in the Narthex.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO COVENANT

Welcome! We are thankful you have chosen to worship with us today! We ask that you identify yourself by signing the red attendance book in each pew. Following each service, you are invited to stop by our Visitor's Table to pick up information on Covenant's many groups, programs and events. We want you to feel welcome here and hope that we can help you find ways to grow in your faith.

Five 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), 11:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (contemporary services). A shuttle service runs from 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. carrying worshippers from the UTAIC parking lot at 5508 Parkcrest Drive, 1/2 mile west of Covenant.

You may become a member of Covenant by profession of faith and baptism, reaffirmation of faith or letter of transfer. The Session meets NEXT Sunday, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for the purpose of receiving new members. Would you like to know more about Covenant and what we believe as Presbyterians? You're invited to join one of our New Member Classes that begin periodically throughout the year. For more information, please contact Mary Helen Mitchell at 512-334-3018 or mhmittell@covenant.org.

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