

Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 am

Austin, Texas
Second Sunday in Lent

February 17, 2008

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

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: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls –

People: For we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.

Leader: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways –

People: For we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.

Leader: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts –

People: For we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.

All: O come, let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 71

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Change My Heart, O God

Hymn 373

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay; mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever . . .

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 734

*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.

* - Those who are able, please stand

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

New Testament, Page 951

SERMON

MISSION 2008: *THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF A THRIVING CHURCH*
Rich Discipleship: Our Common Calling

Jill Williams

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymn 248

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

*HYMN FOR GOING FORTH

God Be With You

Hymn 716

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Rick Murray at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00; James Lee at 9:00 and 6:30 (New Covenant Fellowship); Dora Arce Valentín at 11:30 (Iglesia Luyanó, our sister church in Cuba); Mitchell Holley at 11:15, and Melaina Dickenson and Robbie Ytterberg at 6:30

Tom Brown, piano

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Martha Bombaugh in loving memory of Karl and in recognition of their marriage on February 20, 1943

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Erickson family in memory of Nancy's father, Dick Phillips.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Don and Pat Fine in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CONGREGATION CALLED FOR TODAY

The Session has called the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** of Covenant Presbyterian Church for TODAY, February 17, 2008 at 12:15 pm in Eaton Hall.

The agenda will include hearing a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and the election of elders, deacons, and a trustee.

Lunch will be provided for the first 200 people in attendance.

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.*

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 the second Sunday of each month, 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 mhmittchell@covenant.org.

COVENANT PRAYS

Prayers of sympathy and support for – Leticia Clabaugh, family and friends on the death of Leticia's father, Carlos Farias, on February 9 in Austin. Services were February 15 in Austin.

Jim and Leslie Cameron, family, and friends on the death of Jim's cousin's wife, Camille Miller, on February 13, 2008 in Austin. Services were February 16 in San Saba.

Prayers for recently hospitalized – Heidi Nicholson, Amy Kidwell, and Dallas Maham.

Prayers for – Barb Sleet, Stephanie Meyer Kelly, Jim Stansell, David Miller, Beverly Miller, Rick Roth, Phil Harvell, Bob Ferguson, Ginger Hurst, Betsey Wiswell, Michael and Alice Macdonald Harris, Carolyn Walker, Dorice Jeffries, Casey Bernholz, Roy Tomlin, Forrest Roan, Beverly Wight, Doris Mitchell, Dorothy Billman, Minor Walker, Virgil and Martha Russell, Barbara Knisely, Christopher MacDonald, Julie Highley, Lois Davis, Gil Cuevas, Jim Huckaby, Bette Place, Sara Chenault, Sara Miller, Hugh Byler, Patti Sullivan, Bill and Glenna Clark, Joanne Myers, and Geanne Taylor.

Prayers requested by our sister church, Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó, in Havana Cuba – Por Rainier Arce, Jesús Pérez Carbón, Rev. Alejandro Nieto, Rev. Pedro Mayor y Ana Luisa Puerta, Sue & Karl Gerke, Rev. Rick Murray y Rev. James Lee. Por la familia del Presbítero Gobernante Fausto Ferreol Landrían, quien falleciera el pasado 27 de enero. Por la paz en Kenya y en Colombia. Por la paz en el corazón de cada ser humano.

Prayers request by our Missions Committee – Project Jericho in Senegal.

Homebound Friend of the Week (notes of encouragement are welcome – for more information contact Kay Austin) Charles and Bobbie Collins. Deacon is Dave Mead.

Although prayer requests will be removed from this listing after three weeks, please contact Kay Austin in the church office, 334-3030, or kaustin@covenant.org, if prayer continues to be requested.