

Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 and 11:00 am

Austin, Texas
Third Sunday in Lent

February 24, 2008

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Rondo in C
ProMusica Handbells

Douglas Wagner

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 worshiping with you. At the conclusion of the service, take time to greet one another in the name of Christ.

INTROIT

Sing, Rejoice, Clap Your Hands
Praisemakers

Mark Patterson

PRAISING GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: We rejoice in God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us.

All: Alleluia! Let us rejoice!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O Worship the King

Hymn 2

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin . . .

SUNG PRAYER

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us (Kyrie eleison)

David N. Johnson

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM (9:30)

Timothy Nespral Pita
Born April 24, 2007
Son of Julio and Cathy Pita
Deacon: Cherry Raley Elder: JJ Baskin

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON (11:00)

Gayla Zachry

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

ANTHEM

(9:30)

I Will Never Fail You
The Nine-Thirty Choir

Cindy Berry

(11:00)

O Be Joyful in the Lord
The GraceNotes Ensemble

John Rutter

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25

New Testament, Page 783

SERMON

WILL THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP!
What's in a Name?

Rick Murray

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn 123

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and call all to repent and believe the gospel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (9:30)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMISSIONING PROJECT CASAS PARTICIPANTS (11:00)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING OF OURSELVES IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Kyrie
ProMusica Handbells

Cathy Moglebust

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 34

*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.

*HYMN FOR GOING FORTH

Lift High the Cross

Hymn 287

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Partita on "Crucifer"

Charles Callahan

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

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

Chesney Szaniszlo preaching at 11:15

John Schmidt, organist

ProMusica Handbells – Linda Rutherford, director

Praisemakers – Barb Miaso, director; Diane Spencer, accompanist

The Nine-Thirty Choir – John Winkler, director; Tatiana Storojev Stephanova, accompanist

The GraceNotes Ensemble – John Winkler, conducting

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ama Bell by her son, Wendell, and Lynn Bell.

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 celebration and joy for – Thomas Edgar (Teddy) Doran, born on February 17. Parents are Jim and Blair Doran. Grandparents are Mike and Susan Edgar.

Prayers for recently hospitalized – Amy Kidwell, Dick Castleberry, and Lesa Yanes.

Prayers for – Barb Sleet, Stephanie Meyer Kelly, Jim Stansell, David Miller, Beverly Miller, Rick Roth, Phil Harvell, Bob Ferguson, Ginger Hurst, Emily Bernard, Gregg Mason, 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, Heidi Nicholson, Lois Davis, Bette Place, Sara Chenault, Sara Miller, Hugh Byler, Patti Sullivan, Bill and Glenna Clark, Joanne Myers, Timothy Orion and parents, and Geanne Taylor.

Prayers requested by our sister church, Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó, in Havana Cuba – Por Rainier Arce, Jesús Pérez Carbón, Ederle Simón, Fausto Ferreol hijo, Rev. Pedro Mayor y Ana Luisa Puerta. Por las familias de Armando de Feria Vicente y de Consuelo Alvarez. De nuestra familia global: Sue & Karl Gerke, Christopher MacDonald, Rev. Rick Murray y Rev. James Lee. Por la paz en Kenya y en Colombia. Por el mejoramiento de las relaciones entre los gobiernos de Cuba y los Estados Unidos.

Prayers request by our Missions Committee – Presbyterian Children's Home.

Prayers for seminary students under Covenant's care – Tom Mitchell – tmitchell@covenant.org.

Homebound Friend of the Week (notes of encouragement are welcome – for more information contact Kay Austin) Mrs. Jessie McGrew – Deacons are Bill and Mary Hart.

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.