

Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 and 11:00 am

Austin, Texas
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 2, 2008

PREPARATION

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

PRELUDE

Elegy

George T. Thalben-Ball

PRAISING GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy and loving God, as we worship you today,

People: We long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us,
to help us become more holy and more loving.

Leader: In a world that does not understand repentance,

People: We pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline
that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus.

All: Let us worship God!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God Is Here!

Hymn 1

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hymn 473, stanza 1

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, fountain of life and the true home of every heart: our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved by selfish passion and base desire. We have sought after many things and have neglected the one thing needful. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; help us turn to you and find forgiveness. Lead us home, that we may again find in you our life and joy and peace . . .

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

GIVING OF OURSELVES IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(9:30)

To Love Our God
The Nine-Thirty Choir

Mark Hayes

(11:00)

His Voice as the Sound of the Dulcimer Sweet
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Alice Parker, Robert Shaw

*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)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

New Testament, Page 784

SERMON

WILL THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP!
Jesus the Son of God: An Invitation to the Father's Heart

Rick Murray

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

This Is the Feast of Victory
Stanzas 1 and 2 – Choir alone on Verse ALL on Refrain
Stanzas 3 and 4 – ALL

Hymn 315

INVITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

(9:30)

Intermezzo
Tatiana Storojev Stephanova
Break the Bread, Pour the Wine
The Nine-Thirty Choir

Pietro Mascagni

Mark Hayes

(11:00)

There Is One Lord
Celtic Alleluia
Hymn 376 – The congregation is invited to join in singing the Refrain
The Sanctuary Choir

Jacques Berthier – Taizé
O'Carroll and Walker

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.

*PARTING HYMN

My Hope Is Built

Hymn 405, stanzas 1, 3 and 4

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Christ, Who Knew No Sin Nor Wrong

J. S. Bach

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

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

Robbie Ytterberg preaching at 11:15 and 6:30

Rick MacArthur and Tom Mitchell at the 6:30 Service for Wholeness in Eaton Hall

John Schmidt, organist

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

The Sanctuary Choir – Tom Brown, director

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bill Tarbox by his family.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Adin and Betty Hall in gratitude for 65 years of being together in marriage.

The rosebud on the chancel is placed in honor of Brayden Kobe Wilson, born December 15, 2007. Child of Amy Wilson. Grandparents are Ken and Cindy Wilson.

The rosebud on the chancel is placed in honor of Wright Wood Clements, born January 22, 2008. Parents are Wood and Betsy Clements.

A REMINDER

Next Sunday, March 9, is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to "Spring Forward"

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES AT COVENANT

March 17, 18, and 19 – Worship at Noon in the Sanctuary

March 20 – Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary at 7:30 pm

March 21 – Good Friday Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday – March 23

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am Celebration of the Resurrection in the Sanctuary

9:45 and 11:15 am – Celebration of the Resurrection in Eaton Hall

There will be NO 6:30 pm Worship Service on March 23

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.

COVENANT PRAYS

Prayers of sympathy and support for – Jim and Nancy Rumbo on the death of Nancy's father, Jim Nettleton, on February 18. Services were February 23 in Benton Harbor.

John Street on the death of his sister, Sara Miller, on February 24. Services were February 27 in Austin.

Alan and Susan Holman on the death of Alan's niece, Jacqueline Rust, on February 25. Services were February 27 in Richardson.

Prayers for recently hospitalized – Gil Cuevas, Amy Kidwell, Lesa Yanes, and Beverly Wight.

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, Doris Mitchell, Dorothy Billman, Minor Walker, Virgil 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, Mark Ceasar, Jr., Timothy Orion and parents, Geanne Taylor, and Hal Meyer.

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 – Tattaguine High School built by World Vision in Senegal.

Prayers for seminary students under Covenant's care – Alice Hernandez – alicepy@yahoo.com

Homebound Friend of the Week (notes of encouragement are welcome – for more information contact Kay Austin)
Mrs. Maurine Freeman – Deacon is Gene McKenzie.

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.

