

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Overwhelmed by Grace, Committed to Serve”

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022

WELCOME - You are welcome, just as you are, at Covenant Presbyterian Church. We particularly welcome those who have been away from the church for a while, and those who are not members of any church. Whether you are married, single, divorced, or in transition, you truly matter to us because you matter to God. We vary our musical styles and our format for worship services from one week to the next to help us explore different approaches to offering our gratitude to God and opening ourselves to the Spirit. We invite you to these celebrations of worship, as together we share the love of Jesus Christ. Catch the vision and experience the excitement at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Chad Bosse

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*PRAISE

“Cry of My Heart”

**(Chorus) It is the cry of my heart to follow You. It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.
(Repeat)**

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord so I can walk in Your truth.
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to You. **(Chorus)**

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do.
Open my heart up more and more,
and make it wholly devoted to You. **(Chorus)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Matthew 11:28-30

Karl Hays

And Jesus said, “Come!”

To all mothers and all children: he said, “Come!”

To the motherless and the childless: he said, “Come!”

To the grandmothers, stepmothers, sisters, and aunts: he said, “Come!”

To all the women who outside the bonds of traditional motherhood cradle, craft and form us with selfless love: he said, “Come!”

And to all who long to be mothered: he said, “Come!”

“Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,

for I am gentle and humble of heart

and you will find rest for your souls.”

*PRAISE

“We Are”

Ev’ry secret, ev’ry shame, ev’ry fear, ev’ry pain
live inside the dark, but that’s not who we are.
We are children of the day.

So wake up, sleeper lift your head. We were meant for more than this.
Fight the shadows, conquer death, make the most of the time we have left.

**(Chorus) We are the light of the world, we are the city on a hill.
We are the light of the world, and we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine.
We are the light of the world, we are the city on a hill.
We are the light of the world, and we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine.**

Let the light shine...

We are called to spread the news, to tell the world the simple truth.
Jesus came to save, there's freedom in His name, so let His love break through. **(Chorus)**

We are the light, we are the light, we are the light, so let your light shine brighter.
We are the light, we are the light, we are the light.
Jesus, You are the light, You are the light, You are the light.
We will lift You high and shine, shine, shine.

(Chorus)

Let the light shine...

FINDING FORGIVENESS

Jim Douthit

RESPONSE

"In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

YOUNG DISCIPLES' TIME

Craig Hopkins

MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT

Shelly Bosse

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 2:1-10 & 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Karl Hays

MESSAGE

"It Doesn't Take a Village"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE & CALL

OFFERING OF GIFTS & MUSIC

Invitation to the Offering

Karl Hays

Music

"Blessings"

We pray for blessings. We pray for peace, comfort for family, protection while we sleep.
We pray for healing, for prosperity, we pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering.
And all the while You hear each spoken need, yet love is way too much to give us lesser things.

**(Chorus) 'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?
And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?**

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear. We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.
We doubt Your goodness. We doubt Your love, as if ev'ry promise from Your Word is not enough.
And all the while You hear each desp'rate plea, and long that we'd have faith to believe. **(Chorus)**

When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win,
We know that pain reminds this heart that this is not, this is not our home.

‘Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You’re near?
What if my greatest disappointments, or the aching of this life,
Is a revealing of a greater thirst this world can’t satisfy?
And what if trials of this life, the rain, the storms,
the hardest nights are Your mercies in disguise?

Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING SONG**

“10,000 Reasons”

**(Chorus) Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name.**

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning, it’s time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me...let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing...ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

(interlude)

And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing Your praise unending...ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

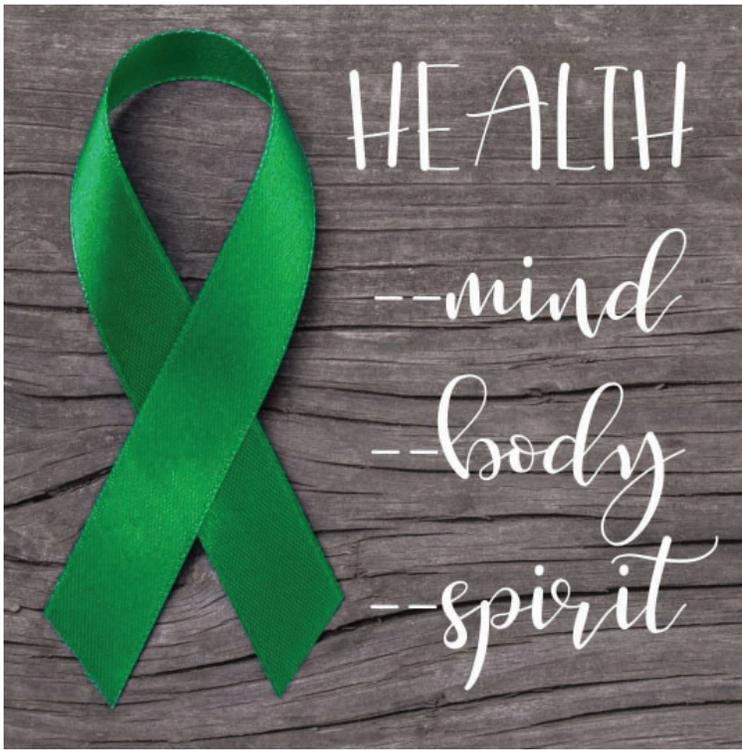
(Chorus twice)

WE GO TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

***INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE



During the 2nd week of Mental Health Awareness Month the Beautiful Minds Coalition invites you to create a mental health care plan which includes goals on how to take care of your mind, body and spirit. You can take care of your mind by playing word games, practicing mindfulness or reading your favorite book. You can take care of your body by stretching, eating nutritious foods or going for a walk. You can take care of your spirit through prayer, doing something that brings you joy or talking with a friend. These are just a few examples of the many activities you can do to take care of your mind, body and spirit. Now go forth and create your mental health goals!



Young at Heart Potluck Luncheon

Saturday, May 14 @ 11:30AM

Re-new friendships after
a two-year Covid-forced closure.

Bring a dish to share.

1:00PM Concert Featuring: Odin Limaye, piano

Program to include works by: Bach, Beethoven, & Ginastera

Odin Limaye is a junior in high school who has been playing piano since the age of ten. He began his journey as a musician at the age of five playing violin; although, he later quit violin to focus solely on piano. In his sophomore year, he competed in the Texas All-State Orchestra competition and placed 4th chair. Odin has played with the Churchill High School Orchestra on many different occasions, ranging from the annual performance of Peter and the Wolf to competition pieces for Orchestra UIL. He recently began accompanying for his school's solo and ensemble competition. Odin has a wide repertoire spanning many of the musical eras, ranging from Bach and Beethoven to Ginastera and Scriabin. He plans on continuing with piano after high school by studying for a degree in piano performance along with a major in mathematics.



Children's Sunday School

Growing in Grace & Gratitude

Sundays @ 9:00am

Covenant's Children's Sunday School class features the curriculum, "Growing in Grace & Gratitude", which helps transform the lives of children and those who love them, shaped by grace and gratitude. Each session shares a Bible story that reveals God's grace for us. Through

fun, age-appropriate activities, and prayer, children will celebrate the meaning of this grace in their lives as they encounter a living God.

We enter into Eastertide--the time when the liturgical color is still white to celebrate the glory of resurrection and the time for expressing gratitude for God's grace and love. We hear it in the story of the surprising appearance of Jesus on the road to Emmaus, and in the story of forgiveness for the woman who has sinned and expresses her gratitude in pure devotion. We encounter Martha and Mary, the sisters who both demonstrate service and devotion, and learn what it means to spend time with Jesus. In the story of the ten people who were healed of their leprosy, we learn that praise and thanksgiving can be as simple as saying "thank you." And, as we heard in Jesus' story about the father who welcomed his prodigal son home, so Jesus came to Zacchaeus, called him down from the tree, and welcomed him. It is truly a time for expressing gratitude for God's grace, love, and embrace!

Our Children's Sunday School class will meet online via Zoom as well as in-person in our Esperanza classroom. Parents can access the Zoom link and password by contacting Chad Bosse (chad@covenantcares.org). We hope your child will join us on Sunday mornings!

PRAYER REQUESTS

ILL/HOSPITALIZED/NEED PRAYERS

Patricia Brown
Jeanine Clough
Dennis Irish
Sharon Fowler
Mona Haack
Al Kissling
John Lorch
Mary Frances Martin
Mabel Matile
Jamy Pressly
Mary Rogers
Rachel Vasquez
Dale Truett

David Worley III, son of Beverly Worley
Deborah Ann Pena, daughter of Agapita Flores

COLLEGE & GRADUATE STUDENTS

Claudia Carrasco Brito
Sofia Carrasco Brito
Ethan Dowell
Hannah Dowell
Rebekah Hernandez
KaeLynn Hixson
Zach Hopkins
Alexander Manibusan
Michael Manibusan
Alex Moreno
Katelyn Pitcher
Tess Pitcher

SHUT-INS

Suzanne Snyder

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Conner Hays
James L. Millard, son of Lisa Buford

EXTENDED FAMILY

Ed Burris, son of Beverly Burris

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin, please email the Church Office at Office@covenantcares.org

Session Elders & Ministries

Outreach/Mission

Janice Shute

Christian Education

Martha Hernandez

Young Adults & Youth

Karl Hays

Evangelism

Kathy Simmons

Maintenance & Technology

Mike Flinn

Fellowship

Norma Jean Demmer

Congregational Care

Denise Haley

Personnel/Communications

Paul Watson

Planning

Martha Wright

Adult Ministry

Demarius Douthit

Finance/Stewardship

Kathryn Safford

Worship/Music

Marshall Nelson

NEW! Weekly Small Group Bible Study

Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet

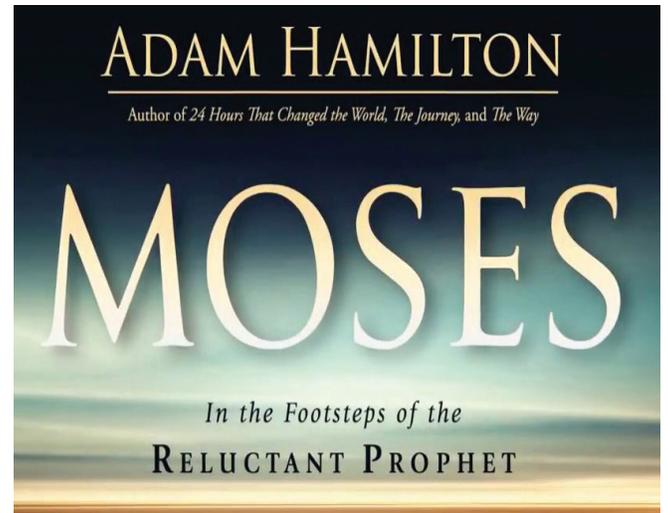
by Adam Hamilton

Covenant continues to offer many different opportunities to gather via Zoom for Weekly Bible Study. Beginning the week after Easter, our Weekly Small Groups will study *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet* by Adam Hamilton. Retrace the life of Moses from his modest birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, from herding flocks in Midian to leading his people out of Egypt.

Join Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of life had successfully fulfilled the role he was given.

Turn your own reluctance into boldness as you examine the significant challenges facing Moses and how God shaped his character and life in powerful ways.

Each of our Weekly Bible Study groups are open—meaning anyone can join at any time. Please take a look at meeting times, as well as Zoom information for all of our weekly Bible studies on our webpage:

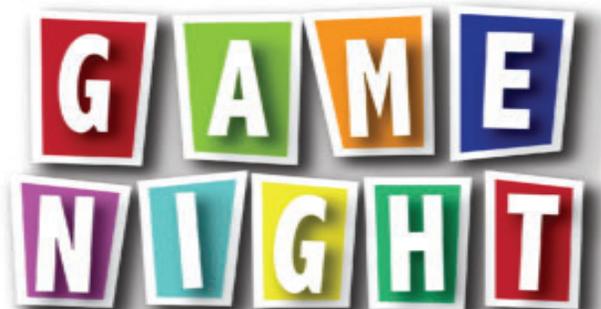


<https://www.covenantcares.org/weekly-bible-study/>



We are always delighted to have visiting friends attend Covenant worship services and special activities. We warmly welcome you with Christian love and are so glad that you choose to spend your time with us. Every person who walks through our door is important to us. In an effort to welcome you more heartily, we have greeters in our Narthex each week and are asking you to fill out a name tag and a contact card (to leave with a greeter when you leave). You are always welcome here, and thank you for coming!

Young at Heart invites all adults who enjoy company, food, and lots of laughter with friends to come join us for games every Friday night. The fun starts at 6:30PM. The Mission Hall door will open around 6:15PM. Please remember to wear a mask. Look forward to seeing you there!





NEW! Adult Sunday School

The Grace of Les Misérables by Matt Rawle

Emmaus Classroom @ 9:00am
Beginning April 24th

Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you've tackled the 1,400-page 19th century novel, witnessed the Broadway musical (and memorized its soundtrack), or seen the several screen adaptations of it, you already know the power of its story.

In *The Grace of Les Misérables* study, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world.

In keeping with his previous works, Matt Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world.

We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings—either on our campus in the Emmaus Classroom or online via Zoom for this unique study! Zoom information can be found on our webpage:

<https://www.covenantcares.org/sunday-school/>



JOIN CHOIR!

Easter Sunday, 4/17/2022 was the first time the choir has sung together since the beginning of the pandemic over two years ago. Rehearsals will now continue in the choir room, Wednesday nights at 7:00pm. Please join us!

Contact Josh Pepper for more details
josh@covenantcares.org



Congregational Care Ministry Team Members to Make Hospital and Home Visits

If you are going to the hospital for surgery and would like someone to wait with or be with your family, or if you're home from the hospital and would like a visit, your Congregational Care Ministry Team is here for you.

With visiting restrictions eased in hospitals, Pastor Dan going on sabbatical for the next four months, and a newly-formed team of volunteers who would like to make hospital or home visits, we will be ready when the need arises for those visits. Our supply pastors will be available for emergencies and certain other needs that may arise, and the Congregational Care will be "first responders" May-August and continue to visit upon Dan's return.

Please call the church office if you are going to the hospital or if you're home from the hospital and would like a visit from a friend in your church family.



Pentecost Sunday - June 5th

A special intergenerational worship service is "in the works." We are looking for additional folks to join us in singing, leading, playing an instrument, and/or dancing. We would love to have you join us. Please contact Rebekah Hernandez or Marshall Nelson for more information.

San Antonio Missions Baseball \$2 Tuesday Game Night

Tuesday, May 31st, 7:05pm
Nelson W. Wolff Stadium



***Our seats are in the reserved infield bleacher seating.
Tickets are \$18 (\$10 seat & \$8 concession credit).
Please let Rebekah or Denise know how many tickets you want.***

**Join us for a "homerun" of a time.
Contact Rebekah Hernandez or Denise Haley for more information.**