THE

Inauguration

OF

J. Derek Halvorson

AS THE

Sixth President

OF

Covenant College

Ten o’clock in the morning
Friday, the fifth of October
Two thousand and twelve
Dora Maclellan Brown Memorial Chapel
Lookout Mountain, Georgia
PRELUDE

In Celebration: Now Thank We All
Our God/Old Hundredth

Dr. Jeanell Brown, Organist
Assisted by Members of the Covenant Chamber Orchestra

PROCessional

Highland Cathedral

Pipe & Drum Corps
Mr. John Bates ’88, Miss Emma Beers ’14,
Mr. Brendan Chatterton ’14, Miss Adriel Yaryan ’13

Standard Bearers
Mr. Damien Chaney ’13, Miss Anne Marie Rowe ’13

WELCOME

Mr. Martin Moore
Chair, Board of Trustees

INVOCATION

Dr. Jeffrey Hall
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
FOR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Martin Moore
written by Dr. William Tate, Professor of English

Leader Trustees and students, alumni and administrators, staff and faculty and friends of Covenant College, we meet today in community to install Derek Halvorson as the sixth president of the College. We meet, confident that you have called him to this place and for this time, yet also aware, as he is surely aware, that all flesh is frail, that all our strivings are vain apart from your grace. And so we pray.

Father of all mercies, pour out your grace on this man today. Strengthen in him those good gifts which you have given him in preparing him for this calling.

We confess, Father, that we are sinful. By your Spirit develop in President Halvorson, and in us all, a readiness to confess our sin and to repent.

People Because we know that you are faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness and because we have an advocate with you, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Leader Confirm President Halvorson in love for your Holy Word; let him delight in your testimonies.

People Because blessed are those who keep your testimonies and seek you wholeheartedly.

Leader May he hold firm to the trustworthy word which your Spirit has taught.

People So that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also rebuke those who contradict it.

Leader Because he is your steward, grant him holiness, so that his life may be above reproach.

People Protect him from arrogance and a quick temper, and make him hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.
Leader  Give him compassion for those he leads based in his understanding that, like them, he is frail. Grant him humility so that he is concerned, not only with his own interests, but also with the interests of others.

People  Give him the mind of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve.

All  We pray also for ourselves, those of us who serve with President Halvorson as trustees, faculty, administrators, staff, and students. Help us to support him with our prayers, in our attitudes, and in our words and actions, so that our labor together may please you.

In the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

CHARGES TO THE PRESIDENT

From his Family
Dr. Hans Halvorson ’95
Professor of Philosophy, Princeton University
Brother of Dr. J. Derek Halvorson

From the Students
Miss Susanna Griffith ’13
Student Senate President

From the Faculty
Dr. Cliff Foreman
Professor of English & Faculty Moderator

From the Presbyterian Church in America
Dr. Michael Ross
Moderator, 40th General Assembly
Senior Pastor, Christ Covenant Church
Matthews, North Carolina
Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
thy tents shall be our home:
through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
but deeds of love and mercy
the heav’nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears;
for gladness breaks like morning
where’er thy face appears;
thy cross is lifted o’er us;
we journey in its light:
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.
SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 6:16
Romans 11:33-12:2

Dr. Maren A. Halvorson
Mother of Dr. J. Derek Halvorson

CEREMONY OF INAUGURATION

Mr. Martin Moore

WITNESSES

Dr. Robert S. Rayburn ’72
Son of Dr. Robert G. Rayburn, Founding College President

Dr. Martin Essenburg
Third College President

Dr. Frank Brock
Fourth College President

Mr. Philip Barnes ’77
Son of Dr. Marion Barnes, Second College President

Dr. Niel Nielson
Fifth College President

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Robert S. Rayburn
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Senior Pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church
Tacoma, Washington

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

A Path with Purpose

Dr. J. Derek Halvorson ’93
Benediction

The Rev. Joseph Novenson
Senior Pastor, Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church
Lookout Mountain, Tennessee

College Hymn

All for Jesus

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being’s ransomed pow’rs,
all my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform his bidding, let my feet run in his ways;
let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth his praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since mine eyes were fixed on Jesus, I’ve lost sight of all beside;
so enchained my spirit’s vision, looking at the Crucified.

Oh what wonder! how amazing! Jesus, glorious Kings of kings,
deigns to call me his beloved, lets me rest beneath his wings.

Recessional

The Green Hills of Tyrol

Pipe & Drum Corps

Postlude

In Celebration: A Mighty Fortress/Old Hundredth

Dr. Jeanell Brown, Organist
DELEGATES

1819 Maryville College  1887 Cedarville University
Mrs. Marcia Williams Kling  Dr. Martin E. Hartzell
Alumna  Alumnus

1836 Wesleyan College  1890 Whitworth University
Ms. Dell H. Bailey  Dr. Adam Neder
Alumna  Associate Professor of Theology

1839 Erskine College  1891 George Fox University
Dr. David Norman  Dr. Paul Otto
President  Professor of History

1848 Geneva College  1892 Southern Adventist University
Dr. Ken Smith  Dr. Gordon Bietz
President  President

1857 Sewanee: The University of the South  1897 Lincoln Memorial University
Mr. Jim Williams  Dr. James Dawson
Alumnus  President

1860 Wheaton College  1901 Trevecca Nazarene University
Rev. Tim Tinsley  Dr. Dan Boone
Alumnus  President

1867 King College  1902 Berry College
Dr. Katherine Vander Brake  Dr. Stephen Briggs
Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences  President

1870 Loyola University Chicago  1916 Montreat College
Robert Bireley, S.J.  Dr. Dan Struble
Professor of History  President

1882 Northwestern College  1918 Lee University
Mr. Ron Bunger  Dr. Paul Conn
Associate Director of Libraries  President

1883 Houghton College  1919 John Brown University
Ms. Sheryl K. Johnson  Dr. David Vila
Alumna  Professor of Religion & Philosophy

1883 Reinhardt University  1930 Bryan College
Dr. Roger Lee  Dr. Stephen Livesay
Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students  President
DELEGATES

1946  Tennessee Temple University
       Dr. Steven Echols
       President

1955  Dordt College
       Dr. Erik Hoekstra
       President

1956  Covenant Theological Seminary
       Dr. Mark Dalbey
       Interim President

1959  Trinity Christian College
       Mr. Bernard Weidenaar
       Alumnus

1963  Judson University
       Mr. Jonathan Tun
       Alumnus

1966  Reformed Theological Seminary
       Rev. Steve Wallace
       Chief of Staff & Chief Operating Officer

1979  Westminster Seminary California
       Dr. W. Robert Godfrey
       President

1981  Mid-America Reformed Seminary
       Dr. Cornelis P. Venema
       President

1994  New Saint Andrews College
       Dr. Roy Atwood
       President

2005  Providence Christian College
       Dr. Russ Reeves
       Academic Dean

Association of Reformed Colleges & Universities

Dr. Carl E. Zylstra
Executive Director
INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

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Geneva College
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Howard Payne University
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LaGrange College
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Paine College
Regent University
Roberts Wesleyan College
San Diego Christian College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seattle Pacific University
Southwest Baptist University
Spelman College
Spring Arbor University
Thomas University
Toccoa Falls College
Trinity Christian College
Trinity Western University
Westmont College
William Peace University
Young Harris College
A Good Man Is Hard To Find: Recovering Something Christian in the Merchant of Venice

Dr. William Tate
Professor of English
Mills Hall | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Christian Scholarship Is Not Christian Apologetics: The Case Against Claims of ‘Evangelical Self-Hatred’

Dr. Jay Green
Professor of History
Mills Hall | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The Grading Games: How Do I Make an A?

Dr. Rebecca Pennington
Associate Professor of Education
Sanderson Hall | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Covenantal Relationships and the Prospect of a Christian Science

Dr. Timothy Morris
Professor of Biology
Sanderson Hall | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.