



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

H Y M N

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

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

H Y M N

Lead On, O King Eternal

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

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| 1819 | Maryville College
Mrs. Marcia Williams Kling
<i>Alumna</i> | 1887 | Cedarville University
Dr. Martin E. Hartzell
<i>Alumnus</i> |
| 1836 | Wesleyan College
Ms. Dell H. Bailey
<i>Alumna</i> | 1890 | Whitworth University
Dr. Adam Neder
<i>Associate Professor of Theology</i> |
| 1839 | Erskine College
Dr. David Norman
<i>President</i> | 1891 | George Fox University
Dr. Paul Otto
<i>Professor of History</i> |
| 1848 | Geneva College
Dr. Ken Smith
<i>President</i> | 1892 | Southern Adventist University
Dr. Gordon Bietz
<i>President</i> |
| 1857 | Sewanee: The University
of the South
Mr. Jim Williams
<i>Alumnus</i> | 1897 | Lincoln Memorial University
Dr. James Dawson
<i>President</i> |
| 1860 | Wheaton College
Rev. Tim Tinsley
<i>Alumnus</i> | 1901 | Trevecca Nazarene University
Dr. Dan Boone
<i>President</i> |
| 1867 | King College
Dr. Katherine Vander Brake
<i>Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences</i> | 1902 | Berry College
Dr. Stephen Briggs
<i>President</i> |
| 1870 | Loyola University Chicago
Robert Bireley, S.J.
<i>Professor of History</i> | 1916 | Montreat College
Dr. Dan Struble
<i>President</i> |
| 1882 | Northwestern College
Mr. Ron Bungler
<i>Associate Director of Libraries</i> | 1918 | Lee University
Dr. Paul Conn
<i>President</i> |
| 1883 | Houghton College
Ms. Sheryl K. Johnson
<i>Alumna</i> | 1919 | John Brown University
Dr. David Vila
<i>Professor of Religion & Philosophy</i> |
| 1883 | Reinhardt University
Dr. Roger Lee
<i>Vice President for Student Affairs
& Dean of Students</i> | 1930 | Bryan College
Dr. Stephen Livesay
<i>President</i> |

DELEGATES

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| 1946 | Tennessee Temple University
Dr. Steven Echols
<i>President</i> | 1979 | Westminster Seminary
California
Dr. W. Robert Godfrey
<i>President</i> |
| 1955 | Dordt College
Dr. Erik Hoekstra
<i>President</i> | 1981 | Mid-America Reformed
Seminary
Dr. Cornelis P. Venema
<i>President</i> |
| 1956 | Covenant Theological Seminary
Dr. Mark Dalbey
<i>Interim President</i> | 1994 | New Saint Andrews College
Dr. Roy Atwood
<i>President</i> |
| 1959 | Trinity Christian College
Mr. Bernard Weidenaar
<i>Alumnus</i> | 2005 | Providence Christian College
Dr. Russ Reeves
<i>Academic Dean</i> |
| 1963 | Judson University
Mr. Jonathan Tun
<i>Alumnus</i> | | Association of Reformed
Colleges & Universities
Dr. Carl E. Zylstra
<i>Executive Director</i> |
| 1966 | Reformed Theological Seminary
Rev. Steve Wallace
<i>Chief of Staff & Chief Operating Officer</i> | | |

INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

Abilene Christian University	Grace College & Theological Seminary	Oral Roberts University
Agnes Scott College	Howard Payne University	Paine College
Anderson University	Huntington University	Regent University
Bethel College	LaGrange College	Roberts Wesleyan College
Bethel University	LeTourneau University	San Diego Christian College
Biola University	Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation	Savannah College of Art and Design
Bluefield College	Malone University	Seattle Pacific University
Bluffton University	Mercer University	Southwest Baptist University
Calvin College	MidAmerica Nazarene University	Spelman College
Campbellsville University	Missouri Baptist University	Spring Arbor University
Carson-Newman College	Montreat College	Thomas University
Cedarville University	Mount Vernon Nazarene University	Toccoa Falls College
Crown College	North Park University	Trinity Christian College
East Texas Baptist University	Northwest Christian University	Trinity Western University
Eastern Mennonite University	Northwest Nazarene University	Westmont College
Geneva College	Northwestern College	William Peace University
George Fox University		Young Harris College
Gordon College		

FACULTY LECTURES

*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.



The mission of Covenant College is to explore and express
the preeminence of Jesus Christ in all things.