

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH



A light in the darkness

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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT COVENANT?

Order of Worship for December 3, 2023

Call to Worship From Isaiah 60:1-3

LEADER: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

ALL: Lord, bring your light into our darkness that we might see you!

Prayer of Adoration

Prelude

How Low Was Our Redeemer Brought

Bob Kauflin, David Zimmer, Matt Boswell, Nathan Stiff

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Scripture Reading 1 John 1:5

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Little Children's Lesson

Lighting of the Candle Hope

Hymn

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, Rowland Hugh Prichard

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» *Children in 1st-5th grade are released to their classroom*

Scripture Reading Job 29:1-6, 26-28

1And Job again took up his discourse, and said:

2“Oh, that I were as in the months of old,
as in the days when God watched over me,

3when his lamp shone upon my head,
and by his light I walked through darkness,

4as I was in my prime,
when the friendship of God was upon my tent,

5when the Almighty was yet with me,
when my children were all around me,

6when my steps were washed with butter,
and the rock poured out for me streams of oil!

26But when I hoped for good, evil came,
and when I waited for light, darkness came.

27My inward parts are in turmoil and never still;
days of affliction come to meet me.

28I go about darkened, but not by the sun;
I stand up in the assembly and cry for help.

Advent Prayer From the Book of Common Prayer (1552)

ALL: Almighty God, give us peace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**ALL: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God;

Begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;

Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

Who, for us men and for our salvation,

Came down from heaven

And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,

And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

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**He suffered and was buried;
And the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;
And ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
And he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life;
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
Who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace of Christ

Song of Praise

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above you heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

Tithes & Offerings

Hymn

For All Who Are Bowed Down

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Homily Scripture: Micah 7:7-10

- 7**But as for me, I will look to the LORD;
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
my God will hear me.
- 8**Rejoice not over me, O my enemy;
when I fall, I shall rise;
when I sit in darkness,
the LORD will be a light to me.
- 9**I will bear the indignation of the LORD
because I have sinned against him,
until he pleads my cause
and executes judgment for me.

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The Lord's Supper

LEADER: What is the hope of the Church?

PEOPLE: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

Mercy Offering

Hymn

Glory In The Darkest Place (Out Of The Depths Of Silent Night)

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Benediction From Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
And give you peace.

PASTOR: Go love your God!

ALL: Go love your neighbor!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neighborhood Group

Neighborhood groups will gather all-together on Sunday, December 3rd. The rest of the month will be off unless your particular group decides otherwise.

End of Year Giving

God is using our church to minister to the city of Richmond in both word and deed; and more opportunities continue to open up for us all the time. To do so requires our people, and it also requires our money. Please prayerfully consider giving above your normal tithe as we approach the end of the year so that we can continue to share the gospel of God's Kingdom in Richmond and into Appalachia.

Christmas Celebration & Carol Practices

On December 17th at 5pm we are hosting the annual Christmas Celebration! The children will be performing Christmas carols and we will enjoy a holiday dinner and a short Christmas story. Leading up to the Christmas Celebration the children will have practice times for the carols. We will have crafts, a short Gospel story, and snacks for children and their families during these times. Please invite people from the community to join in on the festivities!

Here is the remaining carol practice schedule:

- December 5th, 6-7pm at Madison Middle School
- December 13th, 6-7pm at Madison Middle School

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

On December 24th we are having a candlelight service at 6:30pm in the auditorium. There will not be childcare provided.

