



COVENANT

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT COVENANT?

Order of Worship for January 7, 2024

Prelude

Call to Worship From 1 Corinthians 15

LEADER: To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who mourn and long for comfort,
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares,
To all who fail and desire strength,
To all who sin and need a Savior,

This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the guilty, the Justifier of the inexcusable, the Friend of sinners. Welcome!

ALL: Lord, we come into your gates with praise!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn

Doxology (God be Praised)

Louis Bourgeois, Thomas Ken, Todd Fields
SIXFIELDSMUSIC

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

Little Children's Lesson

Catechism #6

Q. Can you see God?

A. I can't see God; he doesn't have a body, but he is always with me.

Pastoral Prayer

Reading of the Law

LEADER: The words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Confession of God's People

ALL: Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and forgive those offenses to your servant which he has caused in others. I contend not in judgment with you, who are truth; I fear to deceive myself, lest my sin should make me think that I am not sinful. Therefore I contend not in judgment with you; for if you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall abide it? Amen.

» Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon From 1 Timothy 1:15-17

LEADER: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Confession of Faith From the Apostles Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**ALL: We 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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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

There Is One Gospel

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Scripture Reading: Luke 12:1-3

¹In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ²Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ³Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

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READER: The Word of the Lord **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Pastor Josh Crawford

“The Hidden Life”

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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

Every first Sunday of the month we have a special mercy offering. This offering is special in that it all goes towards the mercy ministries of our church—towards eliminating poverty within the church and alleviating poverty in our city. We are asking everyone to consider giving above their normal tithing & giving.

Hymn

Lord I Need You

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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

It is the first Sunday of the month, our neighborhood groups will meet all-together: men, women, and children. Neighborhood groups are designed to foster closer relationships, a deeper discussion and application of the sermon, and community discipleship of each other and our children. If you are interested in joining a group, please talk to one of the pastors after the service or email admin@covenantrichmond.org.

Church Communication

As we start the new year, we want to make sure everyone is receiving appropriate church communication. You can sign-up for our weekly church email by emailing admin@covenantrichmond.org or by the sign-up sheet at the resource table. Also, we have a church GroupMe chat for less official communication. If you'd like to be added to the chat, simply ask someone who is already in it, or a pastor.



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