



**COVENANT**

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT COVENANT?

# Order of Worship for January 14, 2024

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## 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

#### *Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

John Wyeth, Robert Robinson

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» *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:  
O Lord, you have searched me and known me!  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

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You hem me in, behind, and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.

## Confession of God's People

**ALL: Father forgive us for the ways we have set our eyes upon this world instead of eternity. We have been more concerned with others seeing us, hearing us, or acknowledging us than your gaze, your ear, or your heart. Forgive us for how we have not grappled with your power; for how we've failed to revere you like we ought. Grant us, Spirit, a greater apprehension of the heights and depths and richness of your love for us, your care for us, and your delight in us. We plead the righteousness of Christ to make us whole. Amen.**

» Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of God's Pardon

 From Psalm 130:3-4; 7

LEADER: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.

## Confession of Faith

 From the Heidelberg Catechism

LEADER: Christian, what is your only hope in life and in death?

**ALL: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; In fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## 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

#### *Steadfast*

Joshua Silverberg, Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken

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## Scripture Reading: Luke 12:4-7

**4**“I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. **5**But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! **6**Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. **7**Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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

## Sermon Pastor Travis Stephens

### **“A Friend Who Takes Away Fear”**

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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

*Before The Throne Of God Above*

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

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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 second Sunday of the month, our women will meet together. 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 send an email to [admin@covenantrichmond.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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