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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT COVENANT?

Order of Worship for February 11, 2024

Prelude

Call to Worship From Psalm 100

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

ALL: Bless the name of the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn

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

Little Children's Lesson

Catechism #7

Q. How many persons are there in God?

A. There are 3 persons in 1 God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Pastoral Prayer

Reading of the Law

LEADER: Hear God's good and perfect will for your life:

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Confession of God's People

ALL: I, a poor sinner, confess myself before you, my Lord God and Maker, that sadly I have sinned much, with my senses, thoughts, words, and deeds, as you, eternal God, know very well. I regret them and beg your grace. Amen.

» Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon From 2 Timothy 1:11-13

LEADER: The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful-

for he cannot deny himself.

Confession of Faith From Westminster Larger Catechism #87

LEADER: What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

ALL: We are to believe, that at the last day there shall be a general resurrection from the dead, both of the just and unjust: when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the selfsame bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united

to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body; and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonor by him, as an offended judge.

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:35-48

35"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, **36**and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. **37**Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. **38**If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! **39**But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. **40**You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

41Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?" 42And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? 43Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 44Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 45But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, 46the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. 47And that servant who knew his

master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. **48**But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

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Sermon Pastor Travis Stephens

"Waiting on His Return"										

The Lord's Supper

LEADER: What is the hope of the Church?

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

Hymn

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

College Lunch

If you're an EKU student, we are glad you're here! We want to invite you to our college lunch next Sunday immediately after the service at Mi Pueblo. Come enjoy some tacos on us! (February 18th)

Prayer Guide

Our church has initiatives this year that we would like everyone to be praying for throughout the year. The 2024 prayer initiative guide can be found at the resource table up front.

Childcare Update

- · Our nursery will be reopening today.
- Children in Age-Specified Rooms as the number of children continues
 to grow in our church, we are dedicated to providing a helpful, safe, and
 joyful environment for them to grow and learn. One of the childcare
 policies that helps us do this is that each child must be in their agespecified room. Please help us by ensuring that your children are going
 to their correct room each Sunday.

Foundations Weekend

Are you interested in becoming a member or simply learning more about Covenant? Our next Foundations Weekend will be March 1-2. You'll learn about our theology, our history, and our vision for Richmond and Appalachia. If you're interested, email admin@covenantrichmond.org to sign up. Meals and childcare are provided.

