

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Sunday 2nd after Christmas – January 3, 2009 – 11AM

Welcome Pastor John Benson

Families with children are welcome in worship.
Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers
downstairs throughout the service

Prelude Sandra Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne – arr. Bock

Call to Worship 1 Samuel 7:10-12

*Hymn 68 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 31:7-14 Bud Clark, Reader

+The children's bulletin's for today are based on this passage +

Unison Prayer of Confession Hymnal No. 909

Our Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

+ Children remain in the service today +
Junior Jamboree again next Sunday!

Offertory

+ Special offering today for the "Helping Hand" Fund +

*Doxology Hymn 48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 450 *I Look Not Back*

Communion Meditation John 1:16

GRACE UPON GRACE

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Affirmation of Faith Ephesians 1:3-14

*The Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Hymn 77 *God of Our Life*

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able please stand.

We're celebrating the Lord's Supper today. *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your hearts that God raised him from the dead, you are welcome to join us – even if you're not a member of this congregation. Everyone will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. If for any reason you do not wish to come forward, please feel free to remain in your seat. Even those whose only participation is by observation and silent meditation are blessed by this sacrament. Children are welcomed at the Lord's Table – the youngest are given grapes. Older children may receive the bread and the cup, if in the opinion of their parents, they understand the significance of the celebration and have put their faith in Christ.*

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: None Scheduled
Ushers: Paul Seguin
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery/Assistant: Betty Sloat
Sound Tech: None Scheduled
Snack: Lynda Seguin
Communion: To Be Announced

SERVING NEXT WEEK: January 10

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Reader: To Be Announced
Nursery/Assistant: To Be Announced
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Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Monday Courtney Sanders
Wednesday Alyssa Newberg, Renee Kalis
Saturday Tom Shimkin

When you come to church on Sunday, remember to . . .

Bring your Bibles – It's not all in the bulletin

Bring canned goods for outreach to those in need through the food pantries at ECHO and Rising Hope

Bring change for the change box to fund capital improvements

Bring a dollar or two to help our Youth Group support Yohannes Makalew, our Compassion International sponsored child in Indonesia

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Our mission as a congregation is calling people from this community and around the world into communion with Christ. Our communion with him and with each other grows as we enter into the promises and challenges that a covenant with Christ includes.

THIS WEEK

Today 11:00 AM Celebration of Holy Communion

Tuesday 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

Next Sunday, January 10 – Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 AM The Celebration of Holy Communion

11:00 AM Worship Service

Remember that this building is regularly used by many other groups. If you are planning an activity, please check the complete calendar in the church office and contact Aaron Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling an event. Aaron can be reached by calling the church office or 703-425-5633. The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday

Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, January 10:

Isaiah 43:1-7	I will be with you
Acts 8:14-17	They received the Holy Spirit
Luke 3:15-22	Jesus also had been baptized

School Supplies for Afghan children – according to Phil Zeman, who is deployed in Afghanistan, there is a great need! If anyone is interested in donating to a “school supply” care package, please contact Kristin Zeman. Donations can be put in the box next to the credenza.

Please pray for our Angel Tree kids: Chandler, Yusif, Elijah, Kenneth, Darjanay, Aniyah, Joanna, Alejandro, Ikenna and Deven. Also, pray for their parents: Mabel, Don, Marilina, Kenneth, Darnell, Alisha, Neelab and Ramananda.

Thanks! To Gordon Sloat, Bill Anderson and the Hamiltons for cleaning the parking lot after the big snow storm. And to all who participated in the Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols.

Book Discussion scheduled for Sunday, January 17, at 6:30 PM in the church kitchen. Read either Frankenstein or Dracula (or both) and join the discussion of the themes and issues raised in these classics.

In the Covenant Companion: “Learning to Meditate on God’s Word” – Retired pastor Robert Tenglin describes a spiritual practice useful in any season of the year or of life. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

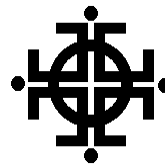
Did you miss last week’s sermon? Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website. It is updated weekly. Please visit us at www.covenantchurchva.org.

How to contact Pastor Benson: By phone (703-455-4150) or by email (johnsbenson@hotmail.com). Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

Covenant Crafters is Back! We will meet in January for crafting and Hobo soup. Date to be determined, but probably toward the end or middle of the month. Watch for a sign-up sheet!

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Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY



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