

**THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
*Celebrating the Baptism of the Lord*  
**January 10, 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

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain* – Hancock

\*Reading of Psalm 29 with Sung Response Hymnal No. 795

Gospel Luke 3:15-22

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

The Collect: (from The Book of Common Prayer)

*Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan  
proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:  
Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant  
they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with  
you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.*

Second Lesson Acts 8:14-17

Our Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

+ Children age 3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed for Jr. Jamboree +

\*Doxology Hymn 48

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 206

*Sing of God Made Manifest*

Sermon Isaiah 43:1-7

A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN

\*Hymn 541

*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able please stand.

**Welcome!** Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit, or something that you do every Sunday, we're happy that you're here! Please fill out the Home Page inset in this bulletin, including your address and prayer requests, and make it part of your offering this morning. The offering is an opportunity to share financially in the ministries and mission of this congregation. If you're a visitor or a newcomer, as our guest today you are under no obligation to contribute. We hope to see you again soon!

## SERVING TODAY

Greeter: None Scheduled  
Ushers: None Scheduled  
Reader: None Scheduled  
Nursery/Assistant: None Scheduled  
Sound Tech: None Scheduled  
Snack: None Scheduled

## SERVING NEXT WEEK: January 17

Greeter: To Be Announced  
Ushers: To Be Announced  
Reader: To Be Announced  
Nursery/Assistant: To Be Announced  
Sound Tech: To Be Announced  
Snack: To Be Announced

## Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Today Josh Reitman  
Tuesday Bill Anderson

## 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

## COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

*Celebrating our 37<sup>th</sup> year of Ministry*

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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

<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	All Day	37 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District Special Election
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	2:00 PM	<b>St. Knut's Day Celebration</b> <i>Come enjoy the festivities as We remove the Christmas Decorations from the sanctuary</i>

## Next Sunday, January 10 – Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 AM	The Celebration of Holy Communion
11:00 AM	Worship Service
6:30 PM	Book Discussion in the Church Kitchen <u>Dracula</u> and <u>Frankenstein</u>

**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 17:

Isaiah 62:1-5	The bridegroom rejoices
1 Cor. 12:1-11	Many different wedding presents
John 2:1-11	The bridegroom is clueless

**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.

**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:** “The Humble Virtue Takes on Gluttony and Lust” – Karl Clifton-Soderstrom writes about reclaiming the pleasures of temperance. A great topic to tackle for the new year. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

**The Congregational Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 31, following a pot-luck supper at 5:30 PM. Everyone is invited to participate in the fellowship and in the business meeting. Beverages and table service will be provided.

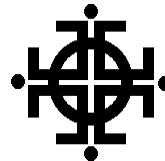
**Did you miss last week’s sermon?** Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website. It is updated weekly. Please visit us at [www.covenantchurchva.org](http://www.covenantchurchva.org).

**How to contact Pastor Benson:** By phone (703-451-6624; 703-455-4150; 703-505-0626) by mail (6624 Reynard Drive, Springfield, VA 22152) or by email ([johnsbenson@hotmail.com](mailto: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!

**Get Connected with Covenant Newswire** – this free service delivers the latest news from Covenant Churches around the world to your home or office in a single daily email. It’s a great way to keep informed about what’s happening among the mission friends. To sign up, visit the Covenant Web Page ([www.covchurch.org](http://www.covchurch.org)) and click on the Newswire button.

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



*The character of the Evangelical Covenant Church is expressed by our logo: at the center is the cross. Next is a circle – the symbol of our unity in Christ. Then four different people, joined together, reach out to the world in love. Find out more about the Covenant at [www.covchurch.org](http://www.covchurch.org)*

## Prayer Corner

*Before they call, I will answer,  
And while they are speaking, I will hear.  
Isaiah 65:24*

### **Praises and Prayers raised on behalf of the congregation:**

Praises that Amy and Nelson have finished their home. Please pray for Shira as she starts another cancer scan, pray that it has not returned. Please pray for LisaAnn and Chris as they try to find a new home for their growing family. Please pray for the members of the Search Committee as they begin their work: Amy Ackerberg-Hastings, Mark Enstrom, David Reitman, Bud Clark, Claire Bentley, Robert Hamilton and Kari Verdugo. Praises that Paul's surgery went very well. Please pray for Bud for a successful medical procedure.. Please remember in prayer those who have lost loved ones, especially the Connlie family. Please continue to pray for the following: Phil Zeman (Deployed), Rachel (healing),

### **Praises and Prayers raised on behalf of relatives and friends:**

Please Pray for Cindy who has been diagnosed with cancer, that she may heal and find peace. Please pray for Matt to get help with anger issues. Please pray for guidance for the Strunk family. Please pray for Brenda who is recovering from surgery and serious complications in removing a tumor. Please pray for Ida as she recovers from cancer surgery and prepares for chemotherapy. Please pray for the Roberts family. Please continue to pray for the following: Carol Chin (Cancer) Bill (Alzheimer), Nancy (broken spine), Georgette (hip replacement)

Prayer Requests will be placed on the list for one month and removed, unless they are updated or we are asked to keep them on the list longer. Please check the prayer corner regularly, and give us updates on your Home Page.

## **Baptismal questions from The Covenant Book of Worship**

*Do you desire to be (or that your child be) baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?*

*Relying on God's grace, do you promise to teach the word of God to your child, to love him/her, to pray for and help him/her in every way, as God gives you opportunity, so that he/she may become a true disciple?*

*Do you as sponsors promise to pray for and support these parents in the vows they have made as well as to pray for and help this child to confess the Christian Faith as his/her own?*

*Do you, members of this congregation, promise to do your part in receiving and caring for this child as one of Christ's own?*

*Proclaiming this covenant with Jesus Christ, do you renounce all the powers of evil and declare your opposition to a way of life in contradiction to the gospel?*

*Do you repent of your sins, confessing Christ as your Savior and Lord, and do you desire to live as his faithful disciple?*

*Will you devote yourself to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer?*

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you do all in your power to participate fully in the life of this congregation, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*