

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, January 11, 2009 - 11 AM

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. F. Bock

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: *Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name,
Worship the Lord in holy array.*

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters,
The God of glory thunders.

People: Let us praise the name of the Lord

*Hymn 4
God of Creation, All-Powerful, All-Wise

*Opening Prayer

*The Lords Prayer

First Lesson Genesis 1:1-5

Gospel Mark 1:4-11 Thomas Connelie, Reader

Second Lesson Acts 19:1-7

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Children age 3 to 3rd grade are dismissed
To go downstairs for Jr. JAMBoree

Offertory

*The Doxology Hymn 48

Praise God for Whom all Blessings flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 206

Sing of God Made Manifest
From Psalm 29

Sermon 2 Corinthians 5:17

NEW!

*If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation;
Everything old has passed away;
See, everything has become new!*

*Hymn 367

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*Benediction Psalm 29:10,11

*Postlude

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

*Those who are able please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Erik and Anna Karlson
Ushers: Jared Connelie & Bob Ericson
Reader: Thomas Connelie
Nursery: Kathy Knowles & Liz Reitman
Snack: None Scheduled
Sound Technician: Tom Connelie
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK: January 18

Greeters: Youth Group
Ushers: Paul Seguin & Jim Hamilto
Reader: Amy Ackerberg-Hastings
Nursery: Shelley & Thomas Connelie
Snack: None Scheduled
Sound Technician: David Reitman
Candle Lighter: Andrea Hamilton

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Remember that this building is regularly used by other groups. If you are planning an activity, remember to check the complete calendar in the church office. Please speak to Aaron Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling any event. (Call 703-455-4150.) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

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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.

Our Life Together This Week

Today	9:30 AM	Sunday School for everyone Adults: <i>What is a Healthy Congregation?</i> Doug Thorpe shares the insights of Church Consultant, George Bullard
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Celebrating the Baptism of the Lord
Monday	9:00 AM	Worship Committee
Tuesday		Lifeline health Screening at CCC
Sunday Jan. 18	9:30 AM	<u>Intergenerational Sunday School</u> "Sharing Our Stories Together"
	11:00 AM	Worship Service

Discipleship Sermon on Samuel 3:3 -
The lamp of the Lord had not yet gone out

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

- Bring *canned goods* for outreach to those in need
in our area through the food pantries at
ECHO and Rising Hope
- Bring *change* for the change box
to fund capital improvements
- Bring *a dollar* to help our Youth Group support
Yohannes Makalew, Compassion International

sponsored child in Indonesia

Help our apple tree continue to blossom and bear fruit! 76 personal invitations have been extended to children and their families to participate in a church activity (our goal for the year is 100). 684 hours have been donated in supporting our ministry to children (our goal is 1000). \$2809 has been contributed for better equipping our children ministry (our goal is \$5000). Please help us achieve these over and above stewardship goals.

Lessons to Read for January 18—Our Celebration of the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-20	God speaks to a little boy
Psalms 139	How well God knows us
1 Cor. 6:12-20	Glorify God in your body
John 1:43-51	You will see heaven opened

The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on January 25, following a potluck supper at 5:30 PM. Beverages and table service will be provided. Please bring a salad, hot dish, or dessert to share. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.

In the Covenant Companion – “Remembering Youth” – columnist Jay Phelan writes, “We have bowed down at the altar or consumption and security and it has utterly failed us”. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. (Online at www.covchurch.org/communications or call 773-784-3000)

Ladies – You are invited to a Rip ‘n Roll session at Redeemer Covenant Church in Bowie, MD on Saturday, Jan. 31st from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. Lunch will be provided. Please let Betty or Claire Know if you can come so car-pooling can be arranged. It will be fun to see our sisters in Christ at Bowie.

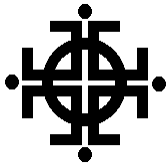
The first Covenant Crafters of the year will be on February the 7th. Sign up in the hall outside of the Sanctuary.

The Women's Bible Study will begin meeting at the church again on Tuesday s at 10:00AM to 12:00PM. This session they will be studying “A Heart Like His”, a study of David by Beth Moore.

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) and click on the Newswire button.

We have a receipt for around \$70 from a purchase someone made this summer at the time of VBS. We want to give someone credit for tax purposes in the annual giving report, but don't know who it was that made this contribution. If it was you, please tell Mark Enstrom, our Financial Secretary.

How to contact Pastor Benson. Call him at the parsonage, where he maintains an office, at any time: 703-451-6624; or by email-johnbenson@hotmail.com. Prayer requests and other matters can be brought to his attention by using the home page insert in this bulletin. Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery, or in need of pastoral care.



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 being united in Christ. Then four different people, joined to one another, reach out to the world in love. The Covenant Web Page: www.covchurch.org

A Covenant Affirmation: We affirm the ministry of the Holy Spirit, who with the Father and the Son calls the Church into being, empowers its witness, guides its mission, and supplies the gifts needed by the Church and its members to exalt Christ.

We need you as an active participant in the revitalization of our church! Please join **VERITAS IN VIRGINIA** on Saturday, February 21, here at Community Covenant. Last February, 13 members of our fellowship traveled to Livingston, NJ, to attend the regional seminar led by Dr. John Wenrich, Director of Congregational Vitality for the Evangelical Covenant Church. We want you to share in this experience, which will shape our life together for years to come. You've been hearing about this in Worship and Sunday School. Now we are asking you to pray about taking this next step together and set aside this important day – from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, as we come together to participate in the video version of Veritas. The workshop will include adequate time for discussion, appreciative inquiry, reflection, prayer, and assessment. This is for young people and all adults – even those who are not members of the church or in leadership positions.