

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, January 13, 2008 – 11:00 AM

Welcome Pastor John Benson

Prelude Sandy Benson, Organist

Thy Word – arr, Wagner

*Call to Worship Based on 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Leader: God saved us and called us to a holy life,

*People: Not because of anything we did,
but because of his purpose and grace.*

Leader: This grace was given to us before the beginning of time,

*People: But is now made manifest through the
appearing of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Leader: Glory to him who abolished death and brought
life and immortality to light through the gospel!

*Hymn #206

Sing of God Made Manifest

*Prayer of Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

First Lesson Isaiah 42:1-9 Bud Clark, Reader

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

+ Children age 3 - 4th Grade are dismissed for Junior JAMboree +

Offertory

*The Doxology

#48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #533

The Highest Joy That Can Be Known

Sermon

2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Exploring Covenant Affirmations:
WE SAY YES TO THE BIBLE!**

*Hymn #524

Thy Word

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Welcome! Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit, or 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, please feel no obligation about this. Free childcare for children through age 5 is available downstairs.

SERVING TODAY

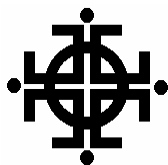
Greeters: Erik & Anna Karlson
Ushers: Rob & Bob Ericson
Nursery: Betty Sloat & Aaron Knowles
Sound Tech: Daniel Mayfield
Snack: The Reitmans
Candle Lighter: Lidiya Badassa

SERVING NEXT WEEK: January 20

Greeters: Youth Group
Ushers: Nelson Hastings & Jared Connelie
Reader: Amy Ackerberg-Hastings
Sound Tech: None Scheduled
Snack: The Seguins
Candle Lighter: Andrea Hamilton

Lessons to Read for Next Sunday –
the 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7 God's servant is a light to the nations
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 You are not lacking any spiritual gift
John 1:29-42 Come and see!



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 centrality of the Word of God. We believe the Bible is the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct. The dynamic, transforming power of the Word of God directs the church and the life of each Christian.

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

Celebrating our 35th 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

Today	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:00 PM	Youth Group
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study "Living Passionately for Christ"
Saturday	3:00 PM	Covenant Crafters
	6:30 PM	Hobo Soup Dinner
Sunday January 20	9:30 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 AM	Adult Class: The Necessity of New Birth
		Worship Service Sermon: Yes to Life in Christ Text: John 10:1-11

Remember, 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 Kathy Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling any event. (Call 703-455-4150) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.



The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday Evening, January 27, 2008, at 7:00 PM – not on January 20 as previously announced. It will be preceded by a potluck supper at 5:30 PM. Everyone in the congregation is invited to participate in this important time of fellowship and decision making.

Super Bowl Sunday is February 3. If you are willing to open your home and host a “Super Bowl Party” for members of our church family, sign up at the table in the hallway or make a note of it on your Home Page today, and we will list you in the bulletin on Jan. 27 and Feb. 3. It doesn’t matter how big your TV is. What matters is your hospitality. You don’t have to invite anyone, unless you want to. You don’t have to provide all the food. People coming to your house should bring something for the table. We hope many will take advantage of this fellowship and friendship-building opportunity.

If you are willing to organize a small group to meet during Lent, we have several ideas and resources to suggest. Contact Pastor Benson or make a note of it on your Home Page today.

Help us fix up the downstairs! A Sign up sheet will be available soon where you can sign up to take responsibility for completing one or more of the various projects that have been suggested to clean up, repair and rejuvenate the nursery, classrooms and main room downstairs. We want the lower level to be a warm and welcoming place for the families, infants, and children who come to worship and learn with us. Call Bill Anderson if you have any questions – 703-455-6384.

The first Covenant Crafters of 2008 is planned for Saturday, January 19th beginning at 3. Claire is bringing a game that she says is really fun, so those of you who aren’t into crafting can come and play. A very large jigsaw puzzle will also be available. Dinner is Hobo Soup, so bring something for the pot, and you can sign up to bring something extra. Remember, everyone is welcome to come and eat, whether or not they come for the crafting.

Help us get ready for the Marriage Education Program we’re offering to couples with children in the community and in our congregation beginning in February:

1. Help us publicize the opportunity – tell someone about it and have them call the number on the bulletin insert for more information or take a couple of the green flyers advertising the program from the credenza and put them up on a bulletin board at the grocery stores in your neighborhood and in other public locations.
2. Help us provide snacks for those who come on Wednesday Nights. Sign up at the table in the hallway. We need someone to coordinate this as well.
3. Help us provide childcare for those who participate in the program. Sign up at the table in the hallway. We also need someone to coordinate this aspect of this outreach opportunity.

Note: funding is available to cover the costs of childcare and snacks. Contact Doug Thorpe if you have questions – 703-903-9696 x 236.



We want Community Covenant Church to be revitalized! Do you feel the same way? You’re invited to join the leadership of the congregation at two events designed to help our church become healthier and more effective in its mission – a “Planning for Revitalization” Retreat to be held here at the church on Saturday Morning, January 26, from 9 to 11:30 AM; and the Veritas Workshop at Trinity Covenant church in Livingston, NJ on Saturday, Feb. 9 with Dr. John Wenrich, the Director of Congregational Vitality for the Evangelical Covenant Church. All current and former Church Council members are especially encouraged to attend, but anyone who has a burden for this in the congregation is also welcome to participate in either, or both of these significant opportunities for personal and corporate renewal. Contact Pastor Benson for a packet of information and resources.





The Books and Culture Group invites you to join them in reading C.S. Lewis for the Third Millennium by Peter Kreett. A discussion of the book will be held on Saturday, January 26, at 6 PM in the Church Kitchen not on Jan. 19 as previously announced. The book is available online (new about \$10.17 and used \$4.99 and up).

In the Covenant Companion – “Remembering Jeremy” – a family’s journey from grief to joy. Stan Friedman reports how a young man’s life and death had a tremendous impact on his church and community. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine online at www.covchurch.org/communications or by calling 773-907-3310. Subscriptions are \$19.95 a year.

A New Study is beginning at 9:45 each Tuesday morning in the church kitchen. This is a Beth Moore study on the book of Daniel. For more information, please speak to Betty Sloat.

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.

The Youth Group meets this afternoon from 5:00 to 6:45. Youth from the 6th grade up are welcome to attend. Visitors are always welcomed. The next Youth Group meeting will be January 20th. February meetings are scheduled for the 10th and 24th.

Don’t forget to place your donations for our sponsored child, Yohannes, in the donations box at the back of the sanctuary. The Youth Group has pledged \$40 per month toward his support.

Life is No Picnic for many, even in a prosperous area like Northern Virginia. Remember what Jesus said about being hungry, and bring some canned goods for the food pantry at ECHO when you come to worship him on Sunday. Put them in the picnic basket by the hymnal rack.

Labels and Box tops for Education are being collected for the education program at the Covenant Home in Cromwell. Please cut out your labels and box tops and place them in the basket on the coffee table. A convenient guide is available in the basket.



How to Contact Pastor Benson – You may contact him at his office at church –703-455-4150. The church’s e-mail address is communitycovenant@verizon.net. Prayer requests and other matters can also be brought to his attention by using the Home Page insert in the bulletin. Don’t hesitate to get in touch when you, or someone in your family, is hospitalized, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

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