

**THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 17, 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

*The Church's One Foundation* – arr. Hustad  
- You can read the words of the hymn at No. 579 -

\* Call to Worship

Leader: God's love is meteoric,  
His loyalty astronomic,  
His purposes titanic,  
His verdicts oceanic.

People: *Yet in his largeness*  
*Nothing gets lost;*  
*Not a man, not a mouse,*  
*Slips through the cracks.*

Leader: We take refuge in the shadow of his wings  
And feast on the abundance in his house.

People: *For he is the wellspring of life,*  
*And in his light we see the light*

\*Hymn 320 When Morning Gilds the Skies

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*The Lord's Prayer

Gospel John 2:1-11 Mark Enstrom, Reader  
+The children's bulletin's for today are based on this passage +

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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 431 *Why Should I Be Anxious*

Sermon Isaiah 62:1-5

**BEULAH LAND**

*No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate.*  
*But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah, for the*  
*Lord will take delight in you and your land will be married.*

Isaiah 62:4 in The New International Version

\*Hymn 577 *Come, We That Love the Lord*

\*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: Paul Seguin  
Reader: Mark Enstrom  
Nursery/Assistant: Claire Bentley  
Sound Tech: Bob Ericson  
Snack: The Ericsons

## SERVING NEXT WEEK: January 24

Greeter: Carl & Rose Rodgers  
Ushers: Nelson Hastings  
Reader: Bud Clark  
Nursery/Assistant: Lynda Seguin  
Sound Tech: To Be Announced  
Snack: David Reitman

## Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Sunday Rachel Doyle

## 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

**Today** 9:30 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
6:30 PM Book Discussion in the Kitchen  
Dracula and Frankenstein  
All are invited to participate

Monday The Rev. Dr Martin Luther King Jr.  
Birthday Celebration – We give thanks  
To God as we remember his servant.

Tuesday 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

Saturday 2:00 PM **National Pie Day**

## Next Sunday, January 24 – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 AM Sunday School Classes for everyone  
11:00 AM Worship Service –  
“Understanding the Readings”

**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 24:

Nehemiah 8:1-10	The law is laid down at the water gate
1 Cor. 12-31	The body of Christ is one
Luke 4:14-21	Jesus is the reader this morning

**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.

**In the Covenant Companion:** “When Change Is the New Normal” – North Park theology professor D. Brent Laytham issues a call to remember the timeless relevance of the gospel. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

**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!

**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.

**Ladies** – It’s time for the “Rip ‘N Roll” session at the Bowie Covenant Church. Saturday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (or as long as you can.)

**At the Church Council Meeting** last Wednesday, the leaders of our congregation approved the budget for 2010 to be presented at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 31. They also agreed to pursue a proposal from Carl Rodgers, Outreach Chair, to consider offering the community a daily e-mail devotional using My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers. If you wish to subscribe to this devotional during our trial period, check out the example posted on the bulletin board and contact Carl in person (call 703-690-7354) or at [cccoutreach@verizon.net](mailto:cccoutreach@verizon.net). Many council members and others from the congregation and its constituency around the country and the world have already expressed their appreciation for this outreach ministry.

**A Thank You** letter from ECHO is posted on the bulletin board. Our congregation provided two of the 360 holiday food baskets which were distributed to needy families in our area. “We are grateful for your thoughtful generosity and continued commitment to our work in this community. We are blessed to have Community Covenant Church as faithful partners on the ECHO team.” The food basket on the table by the entrance to the Sanctuary is used to collect our regular contributions of food items for this ministry.

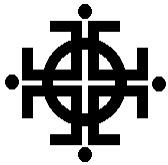
**It’s warming up and summer is coming!** That means camp! Brochures from Camp Squanto at Pilgrim Pines, our Covenant Conference Center on Lake Swanzey in southern New Hampshire, are on the credenza in the rear of the sanctuary. Camps are offered for children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade up through High School Seniors. Sign up now for this life changing opportunity.

**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). Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

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