

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, January 18, 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

Day by Day - arr. Page

*Call to Worship Based on Psalm 139:1-6

Leader: Lord, you have examined my heart.
You know all about me.

People: *You know when I sit down or stand up.*
You know my thoughts from far away.

Leader: You chart the path ahead of me.
You tell me where to stop and rest.
Every moment you know where I am.

People: *You know what I'm going to say.*
You lead me and you follow me.
You place your blessings on my head

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
Far too great to understand!

*Hymn 379

Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

*Opening Prayer

*The Lords Prayer

Gospel – John 1:43-51 Amy Ackerberg-Hastings, Reader

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

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

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

Offering

*The Doxology Hymn 48

Praise God for Whom all Blessings flow

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn 732

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Sermon

1 Samuel 3:1-20

THE LAMP OF THE LORD

*Hymn 408

Guide Me, Thou Great Jehovah

*Benediction

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK: January 25

Greeters: Carl and Rosalie Rodgers
 Ushers: Rob Ericson & Nelson Hastings
 Reader: Gordon Sloat
 Nursery: Mary Hamilton & Aaron Knowles
 Snack: None Scheduled
 Sound Technician: Jim Hamilton

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Saturday: Rachel Doyle

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

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

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 "Sharing Our Stories"
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
		15 students from North Park University Press arrive, staying at CCC through Wednesday morning to attend the Inauguration
		Candle Lighter: None Scheduled
Monday		The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday Celebration
Tuesday		The Inauguration of Barack Hussein Obama As the President of the United States
	10:00 AM	Women's bible study
Sunday Jan. 25	9:30 AM	Sunday School for everyone
		<u>Don't miss this!</u> <i>Adults begin "Called and Gifted"- A 5 week series study on the Biblical Basis for the ordination of women in the Covenant.</i>
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:30 PM	Congregational Potluck & Annual Meeting

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 25– 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-10	The biggest miracle in Jonah
Psalms 62:5-12	Waiting in silence
2 Cor. 7:29-31	Living in the end times
Mark 1:14-20	John arrested, Jesus came

The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday 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. Annual Report booklets will be distributed to the congregation next Sunday morning.

Reunited and it feels so good . . . The CCC pick-up choir is getting back together for a performance on March 15. Rehearsals are February 22, March 1, and March 8, around the piano immediately following the worship service. All ages, voices, and abilities are welcome. See Amy if you have questions.

In the Covenant Companion – “Sick of Healing Prayer?” – Covenant Pastor Chris Haydon asks “How do we continue to pray when the miracles we long for seem to elude 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 has begun meeting on Tuesdays again in the kitchen from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. This session they will be studying “A Heart Like His”, a study of David by Beth Moore.

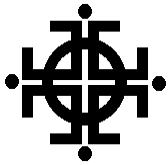
Did you miss last week’s sermon? Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website. It is updated weekly. Please visit us at www.covenantchurchva.org.

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.