

**The Celebration of Holy Communion
Sunday, January 27, 2008 – 11:00 AM**

Welcome Rev. John Benson

Families with children of all ages are welcomed in worship. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is also available throughout the service downstairs. Jr. JAMboree for children ages 3 – 4th grade is offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month also throughout the service downstairs.

Prelude Sandy Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

Sonata in G. Scarlatti

Call to Worship Isaiah 9:1-4

*Hymn #194 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

*Opening Prayer

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23 Mark Enstrom, Reader

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

*The Doxology Hymn #48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #684 *We All Are One in Mission*

Sermon Matthew 28:16-20

**Exploring Covenant Affirmations
YES TO THE WHOLE MISSION**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

*Affirmation of Faith Hymnal #552

*The Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Hymn #552 (Stanzas 1 & 4) *How Great the Joy*

*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.

We're celebrating the Lord's Supper today. *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead* you are encouraged to join us – even if you're not a member of this congregation! Everyone will be invited to come forward. If, for any reason, you do not wish to participate, please feel free to remain in your seat. Children are welcomed at the Lord's Table – the youngest are given grapes. Older children may receive the Bread and the Cup if, in the opinion of their parents, they understand the significance of the celebration and have put their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Our custom is to wait until everyone has been served in order to eat and drink together.

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH
Celebrating our 35th Year of Ministry
7018 Sydenstricker Road; Springfield, VA 22152
703-455-4150 communitycovenant@verizon.net

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
	5:30 PM	Church Family Pot-Luck Supper
	7:00 PM	Congregation Annual Meeting
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study – Church Kitchen Using Beth Moore Study on Daniel
Sunday February 3	9:30 AM	Sunday School for all ages Adult Class on Covenant Affirmations: “The Church as a Fellowship of Believers”
	11:00 AM	Scout Sunday Worship Service

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 or 703-425-5633) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held tonight at 7:00 PM. Annual Reports are available on the credenza to read in preparation for the meeting. On the agenda: Council nominations and the budget for 2008, including increases for evangelism, missions and outreach; for Christian Education and children's ministry; and for staff salaries. The meeting will be preceded by a **potluck supper** at 5:30 PM. Beverages and table service will be provided – everything else is up to you! Everyone in the congregation, members and non-members alike, is invited to participate in this important time of fellowship and decision making.

The plans to have Super Bowl parties have been cancelled. We did not get as many hosts as we needed to invite the entire congregation. Thanks to those who did volunteer. As the Redskins fans are saying...maybe next year!

We still need childcare providers for the Marriage Education Classes we're offering beginning in February. Volunteer to be part of the team – even if you would only be able to help us cover some of the 10 Wednesday nights we are responsible for. Sign up in the hallway to lend a hand or to coordinate this aspect of our outreach effort.

If you would like to be a small group during Lent, sign up at the table in the hallway today. A group (or groups) will be organized depending on the amount of interest shown and on the group members' willingness to participate in sharing the leadership and hosting. Talk to Pastor Benson if you have an interest in being in or leading a specific type of group, ideas about what should be studied or discussed, suggestions about meeting times and places, or questions. You can also make a note about this on your home page. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, and continues through March 22, the Saturday before Easter.

CCC GOES GREEN! There are 3 recycling bins available in the kitchen. Please place your recyclable materials in the bins!!

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

Help us fix up the downstairs! Sign up today at the table in the hallway 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. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Planning for Revitalization: We want Community Covenant Church to be revitalized. Do you feel the same way? You're invited to join the leadership of the congregation for the Veritas Workshop at Trinity Covenant Church in Livingston, NJ on Saturday, Feb. 9 led by Dr. John Wenrich, the Director of Congregational Vitality for the Evangelical Covenant Church. Contact Pastor Benson for more information.

In the Covenant Companion – “Mother Teresa and the Light – and Darkness – of God.” Cathy Norman Peterson explores Mother Teresa’s thirst for Jesus, her work and struggles. 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.

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.

YOUTH GROUP

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.

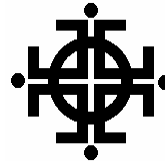
Labels and Box tops for Education are being collected for the education program at the Covenant Home in Cromwell. Please cut out your labels and box tops and place them in the basket on the coffee table. A convenient guide is available in the basket.

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.

Lessons to Read for Next Sunday – the 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Moses on the mountaintop
What makes God laugh?
Our faith is not based on myths
A voice from heaven is heard



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 a commitment to the whole mission of the Church. The early Covenanters were known as “Mission Friends” – people of shared faith who came together to carry out God’s mission both far and near. Mission for them and for us includes evangelism, Christian formation, and ministries of compassion, mercy, and justice. We follow Christ’s two central calls. The Great Commission sends us out into all the world to make disciples. The Great Commandment calls us to love the Lord our God and our neighbor as ourselves.