

**The Service of Worship
Celebrating Scout Sunday
Sunday, February 1, 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

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship - arr. Martin

*Call to Worship Psalm 111:1-3,6

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: *I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

People: *Full of honor and majesty is his works,
And his righteousness endures forever.*

Leader: He has shown his people the power of his works
In giving them the heritage of the nations.

*Presentation of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance Troop 1853

*Hymn 737

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*Opening Prayer

*The Lords Prayer

First Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

+ The children's bulletins for the today are based on this passage +
Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Children age 3 through 3rd grade are dismissed
To go downstairs for Jr. Jamboree

Offering

*The Doxology Hymn 48

Praise God for Whom all Blessings flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 520 (Stanza 1)

Open Now Your Gates of Beauty

Sermon

IN JOYFUL DUTY

Mark 1:22

*Hymn 612

Rejoice, O Pure in Heart

+ Retiring of the Colors +

*Benediction

*Postlude

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, you are under no obligation. *Today we are especially pleased to have scouts, scouters and their families with us from Troop 1853.*

*Those who are able please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Andrew Simpson, Will Goodwin
Ushers: John Kellner, Wolfgang Kerat,
Chris Wink, Zach Shugart
Reader: James Crumpacker,
Robert Crumpacker,
Patrick Kelly
Nursery: Kathy Knowles
Snack: None Scheduled
Sound Technician: Bob Ericson
Candle Lighter: Adrian Chadwell
Color Guard: Alex Moree, Andy Moree, John
Kellner, Wolfgang Kerat

SERVING NEXT WEEK: February 8

Greeters: Erik & Anna Karlson
Ushers: Aaron Knowles & Bud Clark
Reader: Lisa Ann Abranchess
Nursery: Claire Bentley
Snack: None Scheduled
Sound Technician: Tom Connelie

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

Celebrating our 36th 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.

Our Life Together This Week

Today	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's bible study Beth Moore Study of David
Saturday		Covenant Crafters
Sunday, Feb. 8	9:30 AM	Sunday School for everyone Adult Class: Called and Gifted A Study of the Biblical Basis For the Ordination of women
	11:00 AM	Candle Lighter: Jenny Connelie Worship Service Badassa Tobo Preaching "The Blessed Ones"

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 or two* to help our Youth Group support Yohannes Makalew, Compassion International sponsored child in Indonesia

Lessons to Read for February 8– 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Proverbs 8:22-31	Wisdom's role in creation
John 20:22-31	Jesus appears to his disciples
Hebrews 11:32-40	The great cloud of witnesses

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.

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

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.

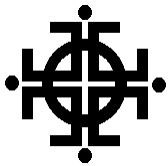
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Pastor John and Sandy Benson are leaving this afternoon for a trip to the Midwest. This week John will be attending the Covenant Midwinter Conference in Chicago. The theme for the Conference is "Living our Affirmations – The Centrality of the Word of God." Speakers include Phyllis Tickle, Gary Haugen and Judy Howard Peterson. He will also be participating in workshops on Ephesians, Isaiah and the Theology of Human Beings in the Creation Narratives. Then the Bensons will be with Laurel and Ben and Grandson Benson Borter in Kenosha, WI, and Jen and Tim Garretson and grandsons Thomas, Lars and Markus in Warrensburg, MO. They plan on returning to Virginia around Feb.18. If you are in need of pastoral care while the Bensons are away, contact Doug Thorpe or the Church Office. Doug will be preaching on Feb. 15.

We need you as an active participant in the revitalization of our church! Please join us for **VERITAS IN VIRGINIA** on **Saturday, February 28**, 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.

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.

In the Covenant Companion – “When Dr. King Died” – Covenanter Patricia Smith Adaranijo remembers the death of Martin Luther King and the devastating days that followed in her Chicago neighborhood. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. (Online at www.covchurch.org/communications or call 773-784-3000



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.