

The Service of worship
Sunday, March 1, 2009 - 11 AM
Repent and believe the good news! – Mark 1:15

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

+ Read Hymn 440 while you listen to the Prelude +

I Know Whom I Have Believed – arr. Page

*Reading of Psalm 25 with Sung Response Hymnal No. 793

*Opening Prayer

*The Lords Prayer

First Lesson Genesis 9:8-17 Julie Fann, Reader

+ The Children's Bulletin for today is based on this passage +

Gospel Mark 1:9-15

Prayer of Confession

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*The Doxology Hymn 48

Praise God for Whom all Blessings flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 462

I Must Tell Jesus

Sermon

1 peter 3:18-22

WHY NEED A GREAT SAVIOR

*Hymn 441

A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My 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 insert in this bulletin, including your address and prayer requests, and make it a part of the offering today. The offering is a chance for you to share financially in the ministries and mission of our congregation – if you're a visitor or a newcomer, you are under no obligation to participate.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Aaron Knowles & Jared Connelie
Reader: Julie Fann
Nursery: Kathy Knowles & Thomas Connelie
Snack: None Scheduled
Sound Technician: Bob Ericson
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK: March 8

Greeters: Erik & Anna Karlson
Ushers: Tom Connelie
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery: Betty Sloat
Snack: None Scheduled
Sound Technician: Bob Ericson

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Monday Ginny Sokolowski
Wednesday Katja Shimkin, Meredith Coussa

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

We Are \$160 Behind in our support!

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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
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	CHOIR REHERSAL
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study Candle Lighter: None Scheduled Beth Moore Study of David
Thursday		37th Anniversary of Chartering Service Community Covenant Church Springfield Sunday, March 5, 1972

Sunday,	9:30 AM	Intergenerational Sunday School
March, 8	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal

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

Lessons to Read for March 8– The 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-16	99-year-old couple have a son!
Psalms 22:23-31	All nations shall worship the Lord
Romans 4:13-25	what “hoping against hope” means
Mark 8:31-38	Jesus says, “Get behind me Satan!”

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.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone in the congregation who helped so much in ministering to the Newberg family this week. To those who opened their homes for out of town guests; Claire Bentley, who coordinated the luncheon after the memorial service and all who prepared and served the meal; Sandy Benson, who played for the service and help set up tables; Kathy Knowles, who did the special bulletins; those who assisted with the service as ushers, greeters, and the sound system; the members of Troop 1853 who helped to move all the extra chairs; those who cleaned up and helped put the chairs and tables back in place; Betty Sloat for caring for the flowers; the Reitmans and their crew for removing the piano and all who are continuing to pray for comfort and healing for the family.

In the Covenant Companion – “Not So Worthy” – Christine Grace Clark – “In the midst of annoyance big and small, one woman reminded why she goes to church.” Also “Matter of the Soul – Forty ways to take a Lenten Journey” by Fred Parachin. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. (Online at www.covchurch.org/communications or call 773-784-3000

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Free resources to use during Lent are available on the credenza at the rear of the sanctuary. Help yourself to anything that will enable you or your family to grow spiritually during this special time of year. “Beginning on Ash Wednesday and culminating in Holy Week, Lent includes 40 weekdays and 6 Sundays. During this season the church proclaims, remembers, and responds in gratitude and faith to Christ’s atoning death”. We especially encourage you to use the “Table Tent” from Bread for the World which is included in your bulletin this morning.

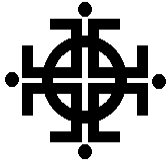
The Books and Culture Group will meet in early April to discuss Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson.

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.

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

The Easter Brunch is on the horizon (Sunday, April 12) and we do not yet have anyone in the Fellowship Chair on our Church Council to take responsibility for it. So we need your help or else...either there will not be one or the pastor will order PIZZA! (This threat seemed to work at Christmas. Will it work again?) If you are willing to coordinate the planning for the Easter Brunch and the Children’s Easter Morning activities; or if you are willing to be part of the planning team, please make a note of it on your Home Page today.

How to contact Pastor Benson. Call him at the parsonage, where he maintains an office, at any time: 703-451-6624; or by email- JohnSBenson@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 Church as a fellowship of believers. Membership in the Covenant Church is by confession of personal faith in Jesus Christ and is open to all believers he gifts needed by the church and its members...The Church is not an institution, organization or building. It is a grace-filled fellowship of believers who participate in the life and mission of Jesus Christ.

Another Thank You on a Home Page – “I just want to say that I am so grateful and mystified by the wonderful people of CCC that God has blessed me and my family with. And so I say thank you from the bottom of my heart. I don’t actually know who reads these!” Beth Tobo (Our office administrator Aaron Knowles does, and he gives Pastor Benson a weekly report of everything that is turned in, including any confidential prayer requests, reports of attendance, visitor names, other responses and notes, as well as requests for information or a pastoral call. All non-confidential prayer requests are included in the prayer corner of the bulletin