

The Celebration of Holy Communion
Sunday, March 2, 2008 – 11:00 AM

Welcome Rev. John Benson

As we welcome families with children to worship,
be aware that nursery care is available for infants and toddlers
downstairs throughout the service.

Jr. JAMBoree for children ages 3-4th grade is also offered
throughout the service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Prelude Sandy Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

What Wondrous Love - arr. Whitworth

Call to Communion

*Hymn #535

Break Now the Bread of Life

*Opening Prayer

Second Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14 Mary Hamilton, Reader

Guided Self-Examination and Silent Prayer

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

*The Doxology Hymn #48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #341

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

Sermon 1 John 1:3

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

*The Apostles' Creed Hymnal #878

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Hymn #494

O Let Your Soul Now Be Filled with Gladness

*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.

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

Celebrating our 35th 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
	12:15 PM	<u>Small Group: Praying for Revitalization</u> Downstairs – Elementary Classroom
	5:30 PM	<u>Small Group: Jesus and the Children</u> Meeting in the Preschool Room
	5:00 PM	Youth Group
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women’s Bible Study – Church Kitchen Using Beth Moore Study on Daniel Call Betty Sloat for info: 703-451-9423
Wednesday	7:00 PM	FIT Relationships Marriage Education
Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Begins – Set Clocks Ahead 1 Hour	
Mar. 9	9:30 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Dr. Doug Thorpe preaching
	12:15 PM	Prayer for Revitalization Group
	5:30 PM	Small Group on Children

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.

EASTER OUTREACH: Our annual Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt will take place on March 23. Brunch begins at 9 AM, and the Easter Egg Hunt begins at 9:45. Please sign up for the meal on the table outside the sanctuary. Candy and prizes to fill the plastic eggs should be placed on Kathy’s desk in the church office.

What if the Veritas 13 became the Veritas 21? Imagine if several more people from our church experienced the truth about congregational revitalization the way some of us did on Saturday, Feb. 9, in Livingston, NJ! Now you can! Dr. John Wenrich, Director of Congregational Vitality for the Evangelical Covenant Church is leading another Veritas Workshop at St. Paul’s Wolf’s Covenant Church in York, PA, on Saturday, June 7, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Learn what it takes and join in as we seek to become a healthy missional church. The workshop is free and it’s only 2 ½ hours away. Tell Pastor Benson if you would like to attend.

Lenten Bible Study: What did Jesus say about the next generation? Help answer this question on Sunday evenings 5:30 to 7:00 at the church. The themes for each study will be focused on the Bible and our community: February 17 – Content; February 24 – Conflict; March 2 – Change; and March 10- Commitment. Please bring a red-letter edition of the Bible or New Testament.

SUMMER CAMPS AT CAMP SQUANTO for children entering Grade 2 through young people entering Grade 12 at the Covenant Camp in Southern New Hampshire. Brochures are on the credenza. Register now – camps fill up FAST.

Covenant Crafters meets on Saturday, March 8th at 3:00. The meal will be Tacos. The meat will be provided. A sign-up sheet for the rest is on the table outside the sanctuary. A large jigsaw puzzle is available for those who aren't interested in crafting. Or, if you prefer, bring your favorite game and invite people to play. If you'd rather, just come for the meal at 6:00. All are welcome. For more information, please see Kathy.

YOUTH GROUP

For the month of March Youth Group will meet on the 2nd, 16th and 30th. Youth Group starts at 5:00, and friends are always welcome to join in. Snacks are welcome, too!

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.

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

Recycle! We have the bins in the kitchen – 3 of them! Please place your recyclables in the appropriate bin. Thank you!

The Staff at Rising Hope Mission Church thank all of those who provided casserole last week. They do not always get a hot meal, and the casseroles were a welcome change.

In the Covenant Companion – “Doing God’s Work with a Grateful Heart” – here at home, Elliott Johnson is director of finance for the Covenant Church. To a small fishing village in India devastated by the 2004 tsunami, he is much more. 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.

The Books and Culture Group will meet at 7 PM on Saturday, April 26th to discuss A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce. The group discussion is open to anyone who wishes to participate. Covenant Crafters also gathers that day beginning at 3 and continuing through a shared meal at 6 PM, which those who are attending the book discussion are invited to join.

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.

Lessons to Read for Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14	The valley of dry bones
Psalms 130	Out of the depths I cry
Romans 8:6-11	The mind hostile to God
John 11:1-45	Jesus raises Lazarus

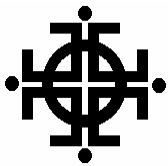
Life is No Picnic for many, even in a prosperous area like Northern Virginia. Remember what Jesus said about feeding the hungry, and bring some canned goods to share every time you come to worship. Put them in the picnic basket by the sanctuary door if you wish your contributions to go to ECHO in Springfield, or in the plastic container under the table if you wish them to go to Rising Hope Mission.

New Guidelines for Labels to save for the Education Program at the Covenant Home in Cromwell have been developed and are in the basket on the coffee tables where labels are gathered. Take a copy home and post it on your refrigerator.

Don't forget about the Buddy Board! There are many people available and willing to do a variety of things for you. Please take a look at the bulletin board above the hymnal shelf to see who's volunteering for what. If you would like to place your name on the board and volunteer, please do!

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.

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) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.



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 centrality of the Scriptures, the Old and New Testaments, as the authoritative Word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct. We believe it is essential to the life of the Church that it be a company of people who want, above all else, that their lives be shaped by the powerful and living Word of God. The alternative is clear – not to be shaped by the Word is to be shaped by the world.