

The Service of worship
Sunday, March 8, 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

A Crown for Me
Based on Maitland
By George Allen (1812-1877)

*Call to Worship From Psalm 22:22-30

Leader: You who worship the Lord, praise him!
You descendants of Jacob, honor him!
All children of Israel, give him glory!

*People: For he has not despised, he has not scorned
The suffering of the afflicted
He did not turn and walk away,
But listened to their cries for help*

Leader: I will praise him in the great assembly.
In their sight, I will keep my vows.

*People: Let the poor eat until they are filled.
Let the world remember and turn to the Lord.
Let the wealthy bow down in his presence.
Let those in the grave hear his voice.*

Leader: Generations to come,
Those not even born,
Will hear the good news –
“Go does what he says!”

*Hymn 115

You Are Our God

*Opening Prayer

*The Lords Prayer

First Lesson Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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

Second Lesson Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Mark 8:31-38 Bud Clark, reader

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*The Doxology Hymn 48
Praise God for Whom all Blessings flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn - Insert

The Sign of the Cross

Sermon Romans 4:20-21

GROWING STRONGER IN YOUR FAITH

“Yet he did not waver through unbelief
regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened
in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded
that God power to do what he had promised.”

*Hymn 44

I Know Not God’s Wondrous Grace

*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 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: Erik & Anna Karlson
Ushers: Nelson Hastings & Jim Hamilton
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery: Betty Sloat
Snack: Reitman Family
Sound Technician: Tom Connelie
Candle Lighter: Andrea Hamilton

SERVING NEXT WEEK: March 15

Greeters: Youth Group
Ushers: Beth Badassa & Liz Reitman
Reader: Sandy Benson
Nursery: Shelley Connelie
Snack: Becky Ericson
Sound Technician: David Reitman
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Monday: Gordon Sloat
Wednesday: Rose Rodgers
Friday: Badassa
Saturday: Judy Butler
Next Sunday: Kathy Knowles

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 \$80 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 Intergenerational Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:15 PM **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Tuesday 10:00 AM Women's bible study
Beth Moore Study of David

Saturday Covenant Crafters

Sunday, 9:30 AM Sunday School
March, 8 11:00 AM Worship Service
Bringing My World to Christ
Choir Sings: "O Let Your Soul
Now Be Filled with Gladness"

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

Exodus 20:1-17	The Ten Commandments
Psalms 19	The law is perfect, reviving the soul
1 Cor. 1:18-25	The foolishness of the cross
John 2:13-22	The temple of his body

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.

Special Events for Lent and Easter:

Sunday, March 22 – Celebration of Holy Communion
Sunday, March 29 – Intergenerational Worship Service
Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday Worship at 11 AM
Good Friday, April 10 – Tenebrae Service at 7:30 PM
Easter Sunrise Service – April 12 at 6:30 AM
Easter Sunday Worship Service at 11 AM

In the Covenant Companion – “Embracing What God Does for Us” – Wise counsel from Covenant Pastor Jim Hawkinson, executive secretary emeritus of Covenant Publications. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. (Online at www.covchurch.org/communications or call 773-784-3000)

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.

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”.

The Books and Culture Group will meet in early April to discuss Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson. Contact Becky Ericson (703-503-3297) for details.

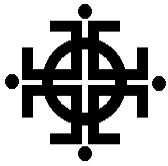
Sunday, March 15 is “Bringing My World to Christ Sunday.” Ask the Lord to tell you who should be on your list of people who don’t know the Lord to pray for, care about, and share the good news with. See the copy of next week’s brochure which is in the bulletin today for further information about this important church-wide Covenant event.

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 church office: 703-455-4150; 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 necessity of the new birth for entrance into God's kingdom, and the importance of continuing growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ for sound spiritual health. New birth in Christ means committing ourselves to him and receiving forgiveness, acceptance, and eternal life.