

The Service of worship
Brining My World to Christ Sunday
Sunday, March 15, 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

O Lamb of God
Setting by Douglas E. Wagner

*Reading of Psalm 19 with Sung Response Hymnal No. 788

*Opening Prayer

First Lesson Exodus 20:1-17

Unison Prayer of Confession Hymnal No. 908

Gospel John 2:13-22 Bud Clark, Reader

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

Anthem The Community Covenant Choir
Amy Ackerberg-Hastings, Director

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

You may include your Bringing My World to Christ list
In the offering this morning, or you may bring it to the
Communion Table during one of the hymns.

*The Doxology Hymn 48

Praise God for Whom all Blessings flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 222

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Sermon 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE CROSS

*Hymn 467

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

*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: Youth Group
Ushers: Beth Badassa & Liz Reitman
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery: Shelley Connelie
Snack: Becky Ericson
Sound Technician: David Reitman
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK: March 15

Greeters: Carl & Rosalie Rodgers
Ushers: Rob & Bob Ericson
Reader: Sandy Benson
Nursery: Mary Hamilton
Snack: Betty Sloat
Sound Technician: Jim Hamilton
Candle Lighter: Thomas Connelie

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Today Kathy Knowles
Monday Nelson Hastings
Wednesday Mary & Jim Hamilton
Saturday Liz Cameron, Jason Rodgers
Joseph Sanders, Jennie Stewart

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

Thanks to God and to the Congregation-
We are “up to speed” in our commitment!
\$40 is needed by April 13

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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	Planning Team for Easter Brunch meeting in the Kitchen
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women’s bible study Beth Moore Study of David
Sunday, March, 22	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Holy Communion “Guidelines for Preparing” are available on the credenza

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 22– The 4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9	We detest this miserable food!
Psalms 107	Let the redeemed say so
Ephesians 2:1-10	We were by nature children of wrath
John 3:14-21	The setting for the diamond

Special Events for Lent and Easter:

Sunday, March 29 – Intergenerational Worship Service
“Stories on the Way to Jerusalem”

Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday Worship at 11 AM
Join our “Palm Branch Parade”

Good Friday, April 10 – Tenebrae Service at 7:30 PM
*The Dramatic “Service of Shadows”
And Holy Communion*

Easter Sunday – April 12
*6:30 AM Sunrise Service at Sydenstricker Cemetery
9:00 AM Easter Brunch – No Pizza!
Easter Egg Hunt for the Children
11:00 AM Celebration of the Resurrection*

In the Covenant Companion – “Crossing the Borders” – an entire issue looking at immigration and the church. 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.

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

Please check the accuracy of 2008 Giving Report. We want to be sure the report you received for your 2008 giving to the church is accurate before you use it in calculating your income tax. Please double check it against your own records and let Mark Enstrom, our Financial Secretary, know if there is any discrepancy. (Call 703-938-2745).

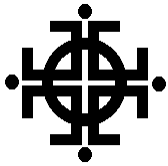
Easter is Coming – Please start brining in candy to put in the eggs and place it on the desk in the office.

The CS Lewis Institute is sponsoring a series of free Apologetic Evangelism Seminars at the McClean Presbyterian Church. In today’s postmodern world, many people are open to discussing religious beliefs and spiritual life. These seminars can better equip you to answer some of their hard questions. Professor Jerram Barrs, Director of the Francis Schaeffer Institute addresses “Apologetic Evangelism with Postmodern People” on April 3-4 (Fri. Eve 7:30-9:30, and Saturday 9 AM-Noon). Greg Koukl, Founder and President, Stand to Reason, outlines “Tactics in Defending the Faith” on May 15-16. No charge, but registration is required (703) 914-5602.

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

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 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.