

**The Service of Worship**  
**Palm Sunday – March 16, 2008 – 11:00 AM**  
***BRINGING MY WORLD TO CHRIST***

Welcome Pastor 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 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade is also offered  
throughout the service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

Prelude Sandy Benson, Organist  
Becky Ericson, Pianist

*Rejoice the Lord is King*  
*All Glory, Laud and Honor*  
Arr. Torran

\*Unison Call to Worship Philippians 2:5-11

\*Hymn #266

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

\*Opening Prayer

Gospel John 12:12-33 Bill Anderson, Reader

***Bringing My World to Christ: Instructions, Prayer, Completion of Lists***

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

\*The Doxology Hymn #48

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #680

*Lift High the Cross*

Sermon John 12:19, 21, 32

**THE POWER IN BRINGING MY WORLD TO CHRIST**

The Premise – “*The world has gone after him*”

The Practice – “*We wish to see Jesus*”

The Promise – “*I will draw all people to myself*”

\*Hymn #677

*Christ for the World We Sing*

+ ***Bring your list to the altar during the hymn*** +

\*Closing Prayer

\*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 36<sup>th</sup> 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.*

#### HOLY WEEK 2008

<b>Palm</b>	9:30 AM	Sunday School
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	<u>Small Group: Praying for Revitalization</u> Downstairs – Elementary Classroom
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women’s Bible Study – Church Kitchen Using Beth Moore Study on Daniel
Wednesday	7:00 PM	FIT Relationships Marriage Education
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Celebration of Holy Communion

#### Easter Jubilee – Sunday, March 23

7:00 AM	SUNRISE SERVICE at Sydenstricker church
9:00 AM	EASTER BRUNCH – Sign up to bring food! Easter Egg Hunt for the Children Easter Story and Craft Time
11:00 AM	CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION: A Family Friendly Worship Service Jr. JAMboree leads the way Praise and Worship Songs Special Easter Music and Hymns The Message of a Living Hope

**Celebrate the Lord’s Supper during Holy Week.** The entire congregation is invited to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the sanctuary on Maundy Thursday Evening, March 20, at 7:30 PM. This special worship service will provide the opportunity to sing great hymns of the cross, to meditate on Scriptures that remind us what happened “on the night when he was betrayed,” and to receive the Bread and the Cup in communion with Christ and with each other. Both wine and grape juice, leavened and unleavened bread will be used in the celebration, as well as grapes for the children. Pastor Benson will share a meditation based on The Words of Institution in 1 Corinthians 11:23-36 – “*Received and Handed On.*”

**A Community Sunrise Service** will be held at 7 AM on Easter Sunday, March 23, in the cemetery yard behind the historic Methodist Chapel on Hooes Road near the interchange of Sydenstricker Road and the Fairfax County Parkway. Participating congregations include Community Covenant Church, Peniel Presbyterian Church, Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, the Village Church at Greenspring, and Agape Korean Baptist Church. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held inside the chapel.

**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.

*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!

**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.



**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.



## Community Covenant Church,

Thank you so much for sending the Valentines package! The treats were wonderful!!! I would like to let the church know that I have the opportunity to go on a mission trip to **THAILAND** with North Park. I am so excited, but I need your help! It is my responsibility to raise \$2,000 for the cost of the trip. If the church or members of the church would like to sponsor me, that would be AWESOME!

Thanks for your support!

Chelsea Redding (*Psalm 94:18-19*)

Support cards are available in on the credenza at the back of the sanctuary. Instruction on how to donate online are also available.

**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.

**In the Covenant Companion** – “A Matter of Conscience” – C. John Weborg, professor emeritus of theology at North Park Theological Seminary, reflects on cheating in football, using the New England Patriots and the 1940 Cornell Football teams as his examples. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine online at [www.covchurch.org/communications](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.covenantchurchva.org).

**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](http://www.covchurch.org)) and click on the Newswire button.

## Lessons to Read for Next Sunday – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

An Easter Message for Pagans

This Is the Lord's Doing!

What It Means to Be Raised with Christ

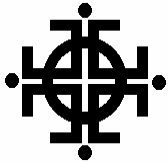
With Mary Magdalene at the Tomb

## YOUTH GROUP

For the month of March Youth Group will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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](mailto: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.



*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](http://www.covchurch.org)*

A Covenant Affirmation - We affirm the necessity of the new birth. The Apostle Paul wrote, *“If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come”* (2 Cor. 5:17). New birth in Christ means committing ourselves to him and receiving forgiveness, acceptance and eternal life. It means being alive in Christ, and this life has the qualities of love and righteousness, joy and peace. New birth is only the beginning. Growing to maturity in Christ is a lifelong process for both individuals and communities of believers. God forms and transforms us – and it is through people transformed by Christ that God transforms the world.