

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, March 22, 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
Prelude on "The Old Rugged Cross"

*Responsive Call to Worship Psalm 107:1-3; 17-22

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north from the south.

Leader: Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;
they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.

People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.
he sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

*Hymn 72
To God Be the Glory

*Prayer of Invocation

*The Lords Prayer

First Lesson Numbers 21:4-9 Sandra Benson, Reader

Gospel John 3:14-21

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 220
"Man of Sorrows"

Communion Meditation John 3:14; 12:32
LIFTED UP

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

*Hymn (Insert)
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*Affirmation of faith Ephesians 2:1-10

*Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Hymn 596
When Christ Was Lifted from the Earth

*Benediction

*Postlude

We're celebrating the Lord's Supper today. *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your hearts that God raised him from the dead, you are welcome to join us – even if you're not a member of this congregation. Everyone will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. 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 Christ.*

SERVING TODAY

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
Communion: Hastings

SERVING NEXT WEEK: March 29

Greeters: Youth
Ushers: Aaron Knowles & Andrea Hamilton
Reader: Liz Reitman
Nursery: Martha Reitman
Snack: Julie Fann
Sound Technician: Bob Ericson
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Tuesday Jared Connelie
Wednesday Lydia Bentley

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

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

Celebrating our 37th 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.

Our Life Together This Week

Today 9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Celebration of Holy Communion

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

Sunday, 9:30 AM Sunday School
March, 22 11:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service
"Stories on the Way to Jerusalem"
Puppets and Parables and More!

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

Special Events for Lent and Easter:

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 – Sign up to bring something
Easter Egg Hunt for the Children*

11:00 AM Celebration of the Resurrection

In the Covenant Companion – “A Refuge In Iowa” – When immigrant workers were stranded in Postville, members of a nearby Covenant Church provided essential support. 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.

We are seeking church members to serve as delegates to the East Coast Conference Annual Meeting in York, PA on Friday and Saturday, May 1 & 2; and to the Covenant Annual Meeting in Portland, OR, June 25-27. Two delegates are needed for each set of meetings. Contact Pastor Benson or make a note on your Homepage if you are interested in serving.

A membership class is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 25. If you are considering the possibility of becoming a member of Community Covenant Church, tell Pastor Benson that you are planning to attend, or make a note of it on your Home Page today.

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

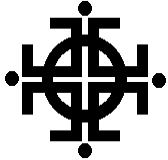
Please check the accuracy of 2008 Giving Report. We want to be sure the report you received for your 2008 giving to the church is accurate before you use it in calculating your income tax. Please double check it against your own records and let Mark Enstrom, our Financial Secretary, know if there is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

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

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.