

INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE
“STORIES ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM”
Sunday, March 29, 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 Sacred Head – arr. Parks

About the service this morning

1. Who’s Knocking at Our Door? (Pg. 2) Luke 8:1-3

We meet Susanna

We pray: “Holy Jesus, walk with us during this Holy Season”

2. Sam the Lamb (Pg. 3) Luke 15:1-7

3. The Good Shepherd’s House (Pg. 27) Psalm 23:6

We read together – “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
Me all the days of my life, and I shall live in the house
Of the Lord my whole life.”

We do a craft activity

*Hymn 407

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

4. Celebration (Pg. 28) Luke 15:8-10

We act out “The Lost Coin” by Judy Gattis Smith

5. Copper Coins (Pg. 43) Luke 21:1-4

Offering

We put our offerings in the offering plates

6. Lift High the Cross (Pg. 32) Psalm 9:1-2

We draw a cross

We pray: “Fill us and all your people with your
loving, giving heart, Lord Jesus

*Hymn 680

Lift High the Cross

We play a game together

7. Breaking Hearts, Healing Hearts (Pg. 32) Luke 15:11-32

“The Parable of the Prodigal Son” Puppet Show

Cast: The Fatted Calf
The Father
The Good Son
The Bad Son
The Reader
The Pig

*Hymn 341

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

*Closing Prayer and Benediction

*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 part of your 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
Ushers: Tom Connelie & Andrea Hamilton
Reader: Liz Reitman
Nursery: Martha Reitman
Snack: Julie Fann
Sound Technician: Bob Ericson
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK: April 5

Greeters: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Aaron Knowles & Carl Rodgers
Reader: Shelley Connelie
Nursery: Kathy Knowles
Snack: Hastings
Sound Technician: Tom Connelie
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Thursday Vi Henrikson
Friday Samuel Redding, Thomas Connelie
Saturday Gary Redding, Diana Grimord

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 Intergenerational Worship

Tuesday 10:00 AM Women's bible study

Sunday, 9:30 AM Sunday School
April 5 11:00 AM PALM SUNDAY SERVICE
Join the "Palm Branch Parade"

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

Scripture Lessons to read for Palm Sunday, April 5:

Isaiah 50:4-9	He did not hide himself from insults
Psalms 118: 1-29	A festal procession with branches
Philippians 2:5-11	Obedient to the point of death
Mark 11:1-11	Hosanna in the highest Heaven!

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 – “Weigh the Words of Paul” – Joel Willits, assistant professor in Biblical and Theological Studies at North Park University, asks “How do we understand Paul’s instructions today?” (An important issue as a follow up to the Adult Sunday School Class on Women in Ministry). Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. (Online at www.covchurch.org/communications or call 773-784-3000)

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.

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.

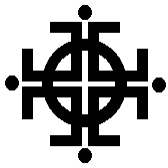
A membership class is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 25. If you are considering the possibility of becoming a member of Community Covenant Church, tell Pastor Benson that you are planning to attend, or make a note of it on your Home Page today even if you cannot attend the class on April 25.

Easter is Coming – Please start bringing 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 a commitment to the whole mission of the church. The early Covenanters were known as “Mission Friends” – people of shared faith who came to carry out God’s mission both far and near. Mission for them and for us includes evangelism, Christian Formation, and ministries of compassion, mercy, and justice.