

THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

2nd Sunday of Easter – March 30, 2008 – 11:00 AM

“Christ is risen from the dead! Trampling death by death, he has bestowed life to those in the tombs.” (Paschal troparion)

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 3-4th grade is also offered
throughout the service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Prelude

Sandy Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:3-9

*Hymn #245

Low in the Grave He Lay

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*The Doxology

Hymn #48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #7

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

Sermon

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

KING DAVID'S TOMB

*Hymn #250

This Joyful Eastertide

*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.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Youth Group
Ushers: Robert Hamilton/Aaron Knowles
Nursery: Kathy Knowles
Sound Tech: Jim Hamilton
Snack: Kathy Knowles
Candle Lighter: Meron Berhe

SERVING NEXT WEEK: April 6

Greeter: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Andrea Hamilton/Aaron Knowles
Reader: Carl Rodgers
Communion Prep: The Hastings
Nursery: Kathy Knowles
Sound Tech: Daniel Mayfield
Snack: The Karlsons
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

Anniversary Celebrated this Coming Week:

Sunday Gordon and Betty Sloat

Lessons to Read for Next Sunday – The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41 Save Yourself!
Psalm 116 The pangs of Sheol laid hold on me
1 Peter 1:17-23 How to live in exile
Luke 24:13-35 The road to Emmaus

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

Celebrating our 36th 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	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Praying for Revitalization
	5:00 AM	Youth Group
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study – Church Kitchen Using Beth Moore Study on Daniel
Wednesday	7:00 PM	FIT Relationships Marriage Education
Next Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School Classes for All Ages
	11:00 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 PM	Praying for Revitalization

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 or 703-425-5633.) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

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.

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.

YOUTH GROUP

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

Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY

If you are in need of a **professional photographer** for a special event or for family or individual portraits, Joe Munroe's son-in-law, Brian Lusby is your man! See examples of his work, or contact him at www.brianlusbyphotography.com Contact cards for Brian are also available at the back of the sanctuary.



In the Covenant Companion – “Preaching Compassion, Mercy , and Justice” – an interview with retiring Covenant president, Glenn R. Palmberg. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine online at 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 26th 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.

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.



How to Contact Pastor Benson – You can contact him at his office at church –703-455-4150. The church's e-mail address is 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.



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!

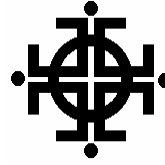
Chelsea Redding (*Psalm 94:18-19*)

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

Life is No Picnic for many, even in a prosperous area like Northern Virginia. Remember what Jesus said about being hungry, and bring some canned goods for the food pantry at ECHO when you come to worship him on Sunday. Put them in the picnic basket by the hymnal rack.

New Guidelines for Labels to save for the Education Program at the Covenant Children's Home in Cromwell have been developed and are in the basket on the coffee tables where labels are gathered. Take a copy home and post it on your refrigerator.

Updates for the Buddy Board: Please check out the Buddy Board at the door to the sanctuary and make sure the information is correct. If you are not on the board and would like to be, please feel free to post your jobs!



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. 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.

*Hear the bells ringing, they're singing
that we can be born again.
Hear the bells ringing, they're singing,
“Christ is risen from the dead.”*