

INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE
“STORIES ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM”
Sunday, April 5, 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

Hosanna! Hosanna! – Dennis Eliot

*Call to Worship Psalm 118:24-27

Leader: The Lord has acted on this day.
Today we will rejoice and be glad!

People: *Hosanna! Lord, save us!*
Lord, send us now success!

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

People: *The Lord is God, shining upon us.*
With branches in hand,
Join in the festal procession
All the way up to the altar!

*Hymn 227

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Everyone who wishes to do so may come forward, taking a palm
branch from the Communion Table and joining Pastor Benson
In a procession around the sanctuary while
We are singing the hymn

*Th Collect for Palm Sunday From The Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race
You sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature,
And to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility
Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share
In his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
And the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9a

Gospel Mark 11:1-11 Shelley Connelie, Reader

+ The children's bulletin for today is based off this passage +

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

*Doxology Hymn 48

Praises God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn (Insert)

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Sermon Philippians 2:5-11

THE STORY OF JESUS IN 21 WORDS

*Hymn 268

At the Name of Jesus

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK: April 12

Greeters: Erik & Anna Karlson
Ushers: Bud Clark & Paul Seguin
Reader: Erik Karlson
Nursery: Claire Bentley & Liz Reitman
Snack: None Scheduled
Sound Technician: David Reitman
Candle Lighter: Jenny Connelie

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Monday Betty & Gordon Sloat
Sunday Theo Abramovich

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

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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 2009

Today	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's bible study
Good Friday	7:30 PM	Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

6:30 AM	Sunrise Service at Sydenstricker Church
9:00 AM	Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall Easter Egg Hunt for the Children
11:00 AM	Celebration of the Resurrection Message: "Looking for Jesus"

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 12:

Acts 10:34-43	Peter brings good news
Psalms 118: 1-29	The cornerstone
1 Cor. 15:1-11	The most important things
John 20:1-18	we do not know where. . .

In the Covenant Companion – “Sojourners in a Strange Land” – M. Daniel Carrol of Denver Seminary looks to the bible to inform our national conversation about immigration. “Coming to a New Land” – three immigrants to the US share their stories. 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.

Celebrate Communion on Good Friday at 7:30 PM. The service of Tenbrae or “shadows” dates back to the eighth-century Rome. It grew out of a combination of night and early morning prayer focusing on the passion of Jesus. The most significant aspect of this service is the gradual extinguishing of lights and candles in the sanctuary, symbolizing the flight of the apostles and increasing darkness that accompanied the passion. We still need scripture readers – sign up today.

Greet the Risen Son at the Community Sunrise Service. It will be held at 6:30 AM Easter Sunday in the cemetery behind Sydenstricker Methodist Chapel on Hooes Road near the Fairfax Co. Parkway. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held inside. Pastor Benson is preaching.

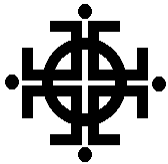
Did you miss last week’s sermon? Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website. It is updated weekly. Please visit us at www.covenantchurchva.org.

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

The Youngish Adults (those more or less in their 20s, 30s, and 40s) will meet at the picnic area of Glen Echo Park in Bethesda, MD, on Saturday, April 18 at 11:00 a.m. Bring a lunch; we’ll then explore the park’s carousel, ballrooms, and art galleries. Children, parents, and various hangers-on are invited. Information about the park and directions can be found at www.glenechopark.org. With questions or to join an informal email list in which these events are announced and planned, contact Amy Ackerberg-Hastings, aackerbe@verizon.net.

Bring Someone to the Easter Brunch, which begins at 9:00 AM. Sunday School will not be held. Instead, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the Children. Sign up today for something to bring to the Brunch. Thanks to Claire Bentley and her team of volunteers for helping to organize this festive fellowship event!

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.