

CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION
2nd Sunday, April 19, 2009 – 11:00 AM

“It is true! The Lord has risen . . .” Luke 24:34

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 “Coronation” – Holden

*Call to Worship

Leader: Bless the God and Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: *H has made us Easter people
by raising Jesus from the dead.*

*Hymn 242

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

*Unison Prayer The Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Easter (BCP)

*Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established
the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been
reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body may show forth in their
lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. Amen*

Gospel John 20:19-31 Mary Hamilton, Reader

First Lesson Acts 4:32-35

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*Hymn 375, Stanza 3

Take My Wealth, All I Posses

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 354

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Sermon 1 John 1:1-2:2

TRULY OUR FELLOWSHIP

*Affirmation of Faith

*Hymn 289

Filled with the Spirit’s Power

*Benediction Psalm 133

*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 this morning. The offering is an opportunity to share financially in the ministries and mission of this congregation – if you’re a visitor or a newcomer, as our guest you are under no obligation to participate. We hope to see you again soon!

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Youth Group
Ushers: Gordon Sloat & Thomas Connelie
Reader: Mary Hamilton
Nursery/Assistant: Kathy Knowles
Snack: The Zemans
Sound Technician: Jim Hamilton
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK: April 26

Greeters: Carl & Rosalie Rodgers
Ushers: Jared Connelie & Nelson Hastings
Reader: Bill Anderson
Nursery/Assistant: Lynda Seguin
Sound Technician: Bob Ericson
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Today Mark Enstrom
Monday Sony Mashiana
Friday Laurel Benson, Carl Rodgers,
Lydia Badassa
Saturday Bud & Rachel Clark

When you come to church on Sunday, remember to . . .

Bring canned goods for outreach to those in need 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, our 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.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's bible study
Friday	7:30 PM	Metro Are Multi-Church Prayer and Praising Meeting In Alexandria (see insert flyer)
Saturday	9:30 AM	Membership Class
Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Nominating Committee

Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, April 26:

Acts 3:12-19	Why are you staring at us?
1 John 3:1-7	We are God's children now
Luke 24:36-48	Risen Jesus eats broiled fish

Remember that this building is regularly used by many other groups. If you are planning an activity, please check the complete calendar in the church office and contact Aaron Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling an event. Aaron can be reached by calling the church office. The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

Join the Books and Culture Group in reading Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson. The astonishing, uplifting story of a real-life Indiana Jones and his remarkable humanitarian campaign of building schools in the Taliban's backyard. Contact Becky Ericson for information about when the discussion of the book will.

In the Covenant Companion: "The Church in the Rearview Mirror" – Brad Hill's story about how the closing of a suburban Chicago Church provided both a blessing and an Illustration of Veritas church revitalization principles. Also, "The Wonder of Rhubarb" – Ann Schultz's discovery of God's faithfulness in a clump of earth. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

How to contact Pastor Benson by phone (703-451-4159; 703-505-0626) by mail (6624 Reynard Drive, Springfield, VA 22152) or b email (johnsbenson@hotmail.com) Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital. Facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

Annual Meeting Delegates Needed: This is your last opportunity to volunteer to serve as one of our delegates to the East Coast Conference Annual Meeting in York, PA at historic St. Paul Wolf's Evangelical Covenant Church (just 2 ½ hours away) on May 1 & 2. Workshops (see insert), BBQ supper in the church's picnic grove and worship on Friday, starting at 3 PM and the meeting on Saturday morning starting at 9 AM and concluding with a luncheon at 12:30 PM. Tell Pastor Benson today if you are interested in attending.

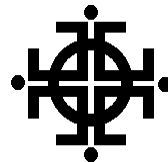
Special Easter Offering: It's not too late to participate in our over and above Easter Offering for Parkside Covenant Church in Clifton, Park N – a new congregation struggling to pay their first year mortgage in a new building in this economy. Use the special envelope on the credenza and put it in the offering today or next Sunday. Make checks payable to Community Covenant Church and designate as "Easter Offering".

Take and read a copy of "The East Coast Covenanter" from the table in the hallway. Our Conference Superintendent, Howard Burgoyne, writes about risks and rewards in the Christian life. Associate Superintendent, Peter Sung, who spoke here last fall, writes about the nature of a leader's presence. Others write about our partnership in shared mission, including our link to a Covenant Church in Koyuk, Alaska!

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.

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

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.



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 our unity in Christ. Then four different people, joined together, reach out to the world in love. Find out more about the Covenant at www.covchurch.org

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Martin Luther's Explanation
Of the 3rd Article of the Apostles Creed

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Pastor: What does this mean?

*It means that cannot by my own understanding or effort
believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the
Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel,
enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me
in true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers,
enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on
earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one
true faith and with the whole Church body on earth and
in heaven. In this Christian Church, day after day, he
fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers. On the
last day he will raise me and all the dead and give me
and all believers in Christ eternal life.*

This is most certainly true!