

A CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION
5th Sunday of Easter - April 20, 2008 – 11:00 AM

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

And Can It Be – arr. Powell

Call to Worship 1 Peter 2:9-10

*Hymn #321

Praise the Lord with Joyful Song

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

First Lesson Acts 7:55-60 Kristin Karlson, Reader

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*The Doxology

Hymn #48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #244

Now the Green Blade Rises

Sermon John 14:1-14

A PLACE FOR YOU

*Hymn #754

In Heaven Above

*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.

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
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study – Church Kitchen Using Beth Moore Study on Daniel
Wednesday	7:00 PM	FIT Relationships Marriage Education
Saturday	3:00 PM	Covenant Crafters
	6:00 PM	Shared Meal – sign up in the hallway
	7:00 PM	Books & Culture Group Discussion
Next Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School Classes
		Worship with Bo Welch, Army Chaplain at Ft. Meade, Guest Preacher
	12:15 PM	Praying for Revitalization
	5:00 PM	Youth Group

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.) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

Lessons to Read for Next Sunday –

The 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31	Paul's message to the Athenians
Psalms 66:8-20	He has not let our feet sleep
1 Peter 3:13-22	How baptism saves you
John 14:15-21	An Advocate who is with you

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The Rose on the Communion Table is in honor of Mikayla Bernadette Doyle, born on Monday afternoon at 4:30 PM. Congratulations to the Doyle family!

A copy of the minutes from the council meeting on April 12th is available on the credenza at the back of the sanctuary. The congregation is asked to join us for a balcony meeting on Saturday, May 10 beginning at 2:00.

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!



In the Covenant Companion – “What Are We Doing to Creation?” – Joel Oelfelt, Professor of Biology at Northeastern Illinois University and a member of North Park Covenant Church, addresses this important question. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310 or online at www.covchurch.org/communications. Subscriptions are \$19.95.

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.

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

“When we are linked by the power of prayer, we hold each other’s hand, as it were, while we walk along a slippery path.” St. Gregory

YOUTH GROUP

For the month of April Youth Group will meet on the 13th and 27th. 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.



It’s Casserole Time again. Once more we will be providing hot casseroles to Rising Hope Mission Church. A sign up sheet is on the table outside of the sanctuary. Please bring your casseroles in by May 4. If you wish to bring your casseroles in early, please place them in the freezer in the church kitchen.

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.

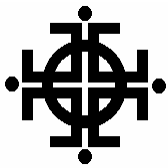
New Guidelines for Labels to save for the Education Program at the Covenant Children’s Home in Cromwell have been developed and are in the basket on the coffee tables where labels are gathered. Take a copy home and post it on your refrigerator.

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!

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.



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.



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 are a Reformation church. We stand in the mainstream of a church renewal movement of the sixteenth century called the Protestant Reformation. Especially important is the belief that we are saved by God's grace alone, through faith alone, not by anything that we can do.