

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
4th Sunday of Easter – May 3, 2009 – 11:00 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

Land of Rest – Traditional American Folk Hymn, c. 1860

Call to Worship John 12:24

*Hymn 244

Now the Green Blade Rises

*Opening Prayer

Reading of Psalm 23 with sung response 1 Hymnal No. 791

Gospel John 10: 11-18 Lynda Seguin, Reader

+ The children's bulletins for today are based on this passage +

Second lesson 1 John 3:16-24

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*The Doxology Hymn 48

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 91

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Communion Meditation Acts 4:5-12

NO OTHER NAME

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

*Affirmation of Faith Hymnal No. 885

The Barmen Declaration – Section 1

*The Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 1:23-26

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Hymn 296

All praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able please stand.

We're celebrating the Lord's Supper today. *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you are welcome to join us – even if you're not a member of this congregation. Everyone will be invited to come forward and receive the bread and the cup. If for any reason you do not wish to participate, please feel free to remain in your seat. Children are welcomed at the Lord's Table – the youngest are given grapes. Older children may receive the bread and the cup if, in the opinion of the parents, they understand the significance of the celebration and have put their faith in Christ.*

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

Celebrating our 37th year of Ministry

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SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Bob Ericson & Aaron Knowles
Reader: Lynda Seguin
Nursery/Assistant: Kathy Knowles
Snack: The Hastings
Sound Technician: Tom Connelie
Candle Lighter: Thomas Connelie
Communion: The Hastings

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.

SERVING NEXT WEEK: May 10

Greeters: Erik & Anna Karlson
Ushers: Liz Reitman & Beth Badassa
Reader: Carl Rodgers
Nursery/Assistant: Betty Sloat
Snack: None Scheduled
Sound Technician: David Reitman
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10:00 AM Women's bible study
Saturday Troop 1853 Church Clean Up
Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00AM Worship Service

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Monday Dave & Sarah Ericson
Friday Robert & Kathy Knowles

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

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

Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, May 10:

Acts 8:26-40	Read, understand, act
1 John 4:7-71	Perfect love casts out fear
John 15:1-8	The vine and the branches

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 be (703-503-3297).

Who Wants Snack? At the conclusion of Sunday School in the summer, we normally conclude the brining of snack. However, it seems that the snack time after service is a wonderful time for the congregation to visit with one another. Please make a note in your homepage if you would like snack to continue through the summer.

In the Covenant Companion: "Moving Beyond Temper Tantrums" – Timothy Stohlberg observes that too often our anger is destructive and asks, what happens when we get angry like Jesus? Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

How to contact Pastor Benson: By phone (703-451-6624; 703-455-4150; 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.

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".

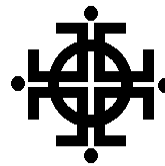
Pastor John Benson and Sandy Benson will be out of town during the middle of the coming week. They are driving to Connecticut on Tuesday to celebrate Sandy's nephew's 40th birthday on Wednesday and returning Thursday.

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

Final exams are looming on the horizon for our college students. Time to mail out final exam care packages. Sign up at the table. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Kathy (703-425-5633).

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