

A CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION
Sunday, May 4, 2008 – 11:00 AM

Welcome

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 Becky Ericson, Pianist

*Call to Worship Psalm 47:5-7

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,

People: The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

People: sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Leader: For God is the king of all the earth;

People: sing praises with a psalm.

*Hymn #264

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Opening Prayer

First Lesson Acts 1:6-14 Amy Ackerberg-Hastings, Reader

Second Lesson 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*The Doxology Hymn #48

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #532 (verses 1, 5-7)

This Is a Story Full of Love

Gospel John 17:1-11

Sermon Reverend Doug Thorpe

Why is the Windshield Larger than the Rearview Mirror?

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal #943

(At the "Holy, holy, holy" we will sing Hymn #15)

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #695

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*Blessing

*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.

BALCONY SESSION: There will be a joint meeting of the Council and the Veritas renewal group at the church at 2 PM on May 10, 2008. The focus will be on aligning the Council's proposed outreach plan with our Veritas experience. We will also begin crafting a group behavioral contract. The entire church family is welcome to participate; especially those interested in community outreach or internal conflict prevention.

Boy Scout Michael Ariale is organizing a Bone Marrow Registry Drive as his Eagle Project, on Saturday, May 17 from 9 AM to 1 PM at Burke Presbyterian Church (5690 Oak Leather Drive) in Burke. Because this is being done as part of the National Marrow Donor Program's "Thanks Mom marrow Donor Drive" campaign, there are no registry fees. If you are in good health and between the ages of 18-60, please come out and join the national register. Remember Lexy Hamilton? We prayed for her a few years ago as she went through the process of a bone marrow transplant. There were concerns about development, side affects and catching up in school. We're happy to report that Lexy is experiencing normal development, has no side effects from the medications, and is now caught up in school. Getting on this registry could save a life.

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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.

Recycle! We have the bins in the kitchen – 3 of them! Please place your recyclables in the appropriate bin. Thank you!

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

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.



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.

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.

Lessons to Read for Next Sunday –
The 8th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:1-21
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

The Day of Pentecost
The gifts of the Holy Spirit
Peace be with you

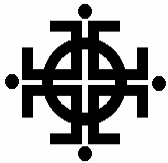
SUMMER CAMPS AT CAMP SQUANTO for children entering Grade 2 through young people entering Grade 12 at the Covenant Camp in Southern New Hampshire. Brochures are on the credenza. Register now – camps fill up FAST.

YOUTH GROUP

Car Wash! Come out and support the Youth Group next Saturday, May 10, from 10 AM to 1 PM. All money will be put toward Youth Activities this year. We are also in need of some adults to come out and help. Please let Jim or Mary know if you will be able to help out.

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.

How to Contact Pastor Benson – You may 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.

CALLING ALL HEROES: BIBLE ADVENTURE AWAITS!

Ahoy, Mateys! CCC is about to set sail with The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A Veggie Tales VBS! Be a part of our Vacation Bible School July 28 – August 1. This year, the high seas adventure will be for preschoolers ages 3 – 5, and we hope to reach 20 children with this program! That is 20 children who will grow in their relationship with God. As we plan and prepare for VBS:

Please pray that God would give us wisdom in planning
Pray for the right staff members to join our team
Pray that God would begin working in the hearts of
the children who will come

Please prayerfully consider YOUR role in VBS this summer!

Our first volunteer meeting is being held on Friday night, May 2, 7-8:30 PM! Please come join the fun!