

SERVICE OF THE WORD
Trinity Sunday, May 18, 2008 – 11:00 AM

*“To believe in the Trinity is to confess that God is one,
and that he continually and personally makes himself known
as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”*

-The Journey, A Journal for Covenant Confirmation

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

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to worship the God who speaks a good word,

*People: who tells us the story of our beginnings
and opens up the promise of never-endings.*

Leader: We gather to worship the God
who embodies a good Word,

*People: who shows us through Jesus Christ the impact
a faithful, bold and loving life can make.*

Leader: We gather to worship the God
who spreads the good word,

*People: who enables us through the Spirit's power
to go forth in mission to all the nations.*

Leader: We join voices in praise of our great and gracious God.

*Hymn #108 *Sing Praise to the Father*

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20 Erik Karlson, Reader

*The Nicene Creed Hymnal #883

*Hymn #109 The Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*The Doxology Hymn #48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #103 *Father in Heaven*

Sermon 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

GRACE, LOVE AND COMMUNION

*Hymn #675 *May the Grace of Christ, Our Savior*

*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
	5:30 PM	Youth Group
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study – Church Kitchen Using Beth Moore Study on Daniel
Next Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Praying for Revitalization
	5:30 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 or 703-425-5633.) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

Covenant World Relief is helping to provide aid to victims of the disaster in Myanmar. If you would like to make a contribution, use the special envelopes on the table by the door into the sanctuary.

Bill and Dorothy Anderson will be away until June 23. This means we need some volunteers to MOW THE LAWN at church. If you are willing to help out, make a note of it on your Home Page today or speak to Pastor Benson.

SUMMER BEGINS for us on Sunday, June 8. Morning worship moves to 10 AM that day with our closing celebration of the Sunday School year. Worship will be followed with an Old-Fashioned Sunday School Picnic right here on the church grounds in our new picnic area. Bring meat to grill and sign up at the sign up table for something to share. There will be outdoor games for the whole church family to enjoy.

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.

Support Troop 1853's 2008 Alaska Expedition: There will be a bake sale this Saturday at Navy Federal Credit Union in Springfield from 8 AM to noon to raise funds for the scouts going on this trip. You can donate baked goods or come out and buy a delicious snack.

Thanks to Kirk Steffenson, one of the Scouters of Troop 1853 who repainted the lines and handicapped markers on the parking lot.

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 – “Wilderness and Faith” – Philip J. Anderson, Professor of Church History at North Park, tell show for ten years future Covenant Pastors have been called to explore creation care through a course of study in the classroom and experience in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. 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.

A copy of the minutes and a summary of the Balcony session from on May 10th is available on the credenza at the back of the sanctuary.

Lessons to Read for May 25 – The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 49:8-16a	Tattooed on God’s hand
Psalms 131	A still and quiet soul
1 Cor. 4:1-5	Servants and stewards
Matthew 6:24-34	God and wealth

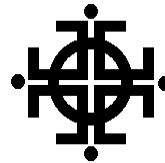
A Bridal Shower for Liz Cameron will be held at 2:00 PM Sunday, May 31 at Claire Bentley’s house. Please speak to Claire or Betty for details.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will meet next today at 5:30. Bring a friend!

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 an evangelical church. We were born out of the revival movement that touched all of Europe in the 17th and 18th centuries and came to flower for us in 19th and 20th century North America. Evangelicals historically have been characterized by a strong insistence on Biblical authority, the absolute necessity of new birth, Christ’s mandate to evangelize the world, the continuing need

for education and formation in a Christian context, and a responsibility for benevolence and the advancement of social justice.

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 from 9 AM to noon. This year, the high seas adventure will be for preschoolers ages 3 - 5, and we hope to reach 24 children with this program! That is 24 children who will grow in their relationship with God. As we plan and prepare for VBS: