

SERVICE OF THE WORD
Memorial Day Sunday, May 25, 2008 – 11:00 AM

*Although no sculptured marble should rise to their memory,
nor engraved stone bear record of their deeds, yet will their
remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored.*

-Daniel Webster

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

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 131

Hymnal #851

*Hymn #62

Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Gospel

Matthew 6:24-34

Gordon Sloat, Reader

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*The Doxology

Hymn #48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn – Insert

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Sermon

Isaiah 49:8-16a

REMEMBER THESE INSCRIPTIONS

*Hymn #737

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*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.

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.

A Bridal Shower for Liz Cameron will be held at 2:00 PM Sunday, June 1st at Claire Bentley's house. Please speak to Claire or Betty for details.

YOUTH GROUP

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.

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



In the Covenant Companion – “Racial Righteousness and Global Slavery” – Resolutions from the Commission on Christian Action to be presented at the Covenant Annual Meeting, to be held in Green Lake, WI, June 24-26. The theme for this year's meeting is “Living Our Affirmations – The Centrality of the Word of God.” 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.

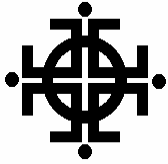
THE VIEW is a colorful newsletter about things going on at Pilgrim Pines. The current issue is on the credenza and features the 50th Anniversary of Camping at the Pines Celebration.

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 May 25 – The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 6-8	What Noah did
Psalms 46	What God does
Romans 1-3	What the gospel is
Matthew 7:21-29	What the wise build upon



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 affirm the reality of freedom in Christ, which is a gift of God manifesting itself in a right relationship with him and with others. It is not a private possession to be used selfishly, but is given to serve the community and the world. United in Christ, we offer freedom to one another to differ on issues of belief or practice where the Biblical record seems to allow for a variety of interpretations of the will of God.

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:

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! Volunteer by contacting Kristin Karlson by email, (kristin.karlson@hotmail.com), phone (703-455-3210), or in person (use the Home Page). Help spread the word!

Our leader training meeting is being held on Friday night, May 30, 7-8:30 PM! Our Shipmate Training is being held Friday night, June 6, 7-8:30 PM at the Karlson's Home.