

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, June 10, 2007 – 11:00 AM

Welcome Rev. John Benson

Prelude Becky Ericson, Piano
Sandra Benson, Organ

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to worship as people blessed by grace.

People: *We are those whose home is in the heart of God.*

Leader: If at times we stray, aimless and confused,

People: *God calls us to himself, and reaches to embrace us.*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

***Hymn #318**

We Come, O Christ, to You

***Opening Prayer**

***The Lord's Prayer**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The Biblical Foundations of Infant Baptism:

Ps. 103:17, 18; Acts 2:39; 16:31; Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 10:14-16

A Word from the Sponsors:

Christian Endundo, Claire Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Carrie Hovell

Parents' Affirmation of Faith: Claudy & Lisa Ann Abranchess

Congregation's Response: Hymnal #938

The Baptism of Kayden Lee Abranchess Born September 18, 2006

Hymn #86

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

Prayer and Blessing of the Family

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*Hymn #108, Stanza 4

Sing Praise to the Father

*Prayer of Dedication

Sermon Luke 7:11-17

FUNERAL INTERRUPTED

Hymn #253

He Lives

*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 prayer requests, and make it part of the offering today. Nursery care for children up to the age of 5 is available downstairs.

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

Celebrating our 35th Year of Ministry

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Our mission as a congregation is calling people from the 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.

This Week

Today	9:30 AM	Sunday School Closing Celebration in the Amphitheater
	11:00 AM	Worship Service - Baptism of Kayden Lee Abranchess
	12:30 PM	All Church Picnic – Hawaiian Theme - Occoquan Regional Park, Gazebo 2 - Bring meat to grill, something to share - Fellowship, Fun and Games for all - Talk to Shelley Connelie if you have questions
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	7:30 PM	Church Council Meeting

Next Sunday, June 17, our summer schedule begins:

- + Sunday School resumes September 9
- + Worship at 10:00 AM through September 2

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.

We’re Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism today and are delighted to have so many of Kayden’s family and friends with us for this happy occasion. If anyone in the congregation wants more information about our practice of Baptism, we urge you to speak to Pastor Benson and to read “Baptism: One Wonderful Message.” This leaflet can be found on the table by the sanctuary door.



Pastor John and Sandy Benson will be on vacation this week. They are traveling to Connecticut where they will be participating in the 65th Wedding Anniversary celebration of Sandy’s parents at Covenant Village in Cromwell. They plan to return to Springfield on Monday, June 18. If you need to reach the pastor while he is away, you can do so through Kathy Knowles in the Church Office.

The Covenant Annual Meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon on June 21-24. If you could represent our congregation at this meeting, please talk to Pastor Benson.



In the Covenant Companion – “Prayer Answered, Pastor Lightens Up” – Doug Cederberg, Pastor of Trinity Covenant in Lexington, MA talks about putting fun back into church life. 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 a year.

The Website for the church is up and running! You will find it at covenantchurchva.org. The bulletin and the sermon are posted each week.



There IS Youth Group tonight. Join us from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Bring a Friend!



Rising Hope Mission Church is running short of certain types of food. There is a concern that these items will be unavailable for distribution by the end of the Summer. Should you wish to help, please bring in boxes of cereal and canned meats, and place them in the box under the table by the hymnal shelf in the sanctuary. Thanks to those who donated casseroles this past week. They were much appreciated!

The Flags Around the Sanctuary represent some of the countries where the Covenant has churches or missionary work. If you missed the Missions Fest, you can still join in our “Above and Beyond” stewardship campaign for Covenant World Missions. Look over the bulletin boards in the back of the sanctuary, read the brochure “Strong and Crazy for Christ,” and make a contribution or a pledge today, using the envelopes provided on the credenza. Our goal is to raise \$6,000 beyond our budget for Covenant World Missions by the end of the year.



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

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.

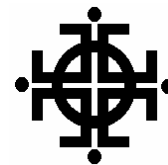
Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday:

1 Kings 21	Naboth’s Vineyard
Psalms 5:1-8	God hates evildoers
Galatians 2:15-21	Justified by faith
Luke 7:36-8:3	Dinner with a Pharisee



How to Contact Pastor Benson – You can call him at home, where he maintains an office, at any time – 703-451-6624. His e-mail address is johnsbenson@hotmail.com. Or you may contact him in 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 Missions Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY



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 centrality of the Word of God. We believe the Bible is the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct. The dynamic, transforming power of the word of God directs the church and the life of each Christian.