

**The Celebration of Holy Communion
In the Week of Independence Day**
Sunday, July 1, 2007 – 10 AM

Welcome Rev. John Benson

Prelude Sandra Benson, Organ
Becky Ericson, Piano

*Call to Worship From Ps. 33:12; 144:15; Prov. 14:34

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

People: *Blessed is the people of whom this is true!*

Leader: Righteousness brings honor and freedom to a nation.

People: *Sinfulness brings slavery and disgrace.*

Leader: Let us, therefore, serve the Lord who sets us free!

*Hymn #734

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

*Opening Prayer

Scripture Lesson Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Tom Connellie, Reader

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

*Hymn #108, Stanza 4

Sing Praise to the Father

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #736

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Communion Meditation Galatians 5:1

SET FREE FOR FREEDOM

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

*The Apostles' Creed Hymnal #878

*The Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Hymn #277

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

*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. Nursery care for children up to the age of 5 is available downstairs.

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Paul Seguin
Reader: Tom Connelie
Communion Prep: Martha Reitman
Nursery: Betty Sloat
Candle Lighter: Jared Connelie
Sound Technician: None Assigned

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

Greeters: Youth Group
Ushers: Jared Connelie & Jim Hamilton
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery: Lynda Seguin
Candle lighter: None Assigned

Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday:

2 Kings 5:1-14	An outsider is healed
Psalms 30	When God hides his face
Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16	We reap what we sow
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Laborers in the harvest

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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 *Happy Anniversary to Mike and Mercedes!!!*
 Happy Birthday to Aaron Knowles!!!
10:00 AM Service of Holy Communion
 NO YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Monday *Happy Birthday to Tammy Murphy!!!*

Tuesday *Happy Birthday to Dustin Knowles!!!*

Wednesday **Independence Day**

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service
July 8

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 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 encouraged to join us – even if you're not a member of this congregation. Everyone will be invited to come forward. 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 their parents, they understand the significance of the celebration and have put their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Our custom is to wait until everyone has been served, in order to eat and drink together.

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.

The provision of casseroles to Rising Hope Mission Church will continue through the summer. Instead of a sign up sheet, those who would like to provide a casserole should bring them in ahead of time, and we will keep them in the freezer. If you would like to provide a casserole, please let Mary know, and bring one in sometime in the next couple of weeks. If you have questions, contact Mary (703-912-4705) or Kathy (703-425-5633).

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. You may put the envelope in the basket or in the offering. Our goal is the raise \$6,000 beyond our budget for Covenant World Missions by the end of the year. So far \$2,300 has been raised.

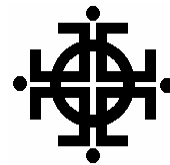
The Youth Group is now on Summer Hiatus. Specially planned activities will be announced as they are scheduled. Youth Group will go to its regular meeting schedule in September.

In the Covenant Companion – "Terror and Grace" – a firsthand account of violence in the Congo. Bob Smietana tells how Rev. Curt Peterson, Executive Minister of Covenant World Mission, and Dr. Roger Thorpe, retired Covenant missionary surgeon, were caught in the crossfire between government forces and rebel troops in Kinshasha. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310, or you can subscribe online at www.covchurch.org/communications. Subscriptions are \$19.95 a year.

Did you miss last week's sermon? It's posted on the church website each week along with the bulletin announcements. Please visit us at www.covenantchurchva.org.

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 church as a fellowship of believers. The church is not an institution, organization, or building. It is a grace-filled fellowship of believers who participate in the life and mission of Jesus Christ.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THE ROAD

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- I. You shall not kill.
- II. The road shall be for you a means of communion between people and not of mortal harm.
- III. Courtesy, uprightness and prudence will help you deal with unforeseen events.
- IV. Be charitable and help your neighbor in need, especially victims of accidents.
- V. Cars shall not be for you an expression of power and domination, and an occasion of sin.
- VI. Charitably convince the young and not so young not to drive when they are not in a fitting condition to do so.
- VII. Support the families of accidents victims.
- VIII. Bring guilty motorists and their victims together, at the appropriate time, so that they can undergo the liberating experience of forgiveness.
- IX. On the road, protect the more vulnerable party.
- X. Feel responsible towards others.