

WORSHIP IN THE GROWING SEASON

Including a Report from CHIC 2009

8th Sunday after Pentecost - July 26, 2009 – 10 AM

Welcome

Pastor John Benson

Families with children are welcome in worship.
Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers
downstairs throughout the service

Prelude

Sandra Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

Flute Piece – ed. By C.H. Trevor

Call to Worship

Ephesians 3:14-15

*Hymn 701

Our Father in Heaven

*Opening Prayer

Based on Ephesians 3:16-19

A Report from CHIC 2009: Jim and Mary Hamilton, Bob Ericson,
Beth Tobo, Liz Reitman, Andrea Hamilton, Meti Kassa

Our Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*Hymn 48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

The Message

Habakkuk 3:17-18

- **Books I Have Not Preached From Yet –**
HABAKUK: A FAITH TO LIVE BY

*Hymn 496

Rejoice, O Pure Heart

*Postlude

Ephesians 3:20-21

*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 Homepage requests, and make it part of your offering this morning. The offering is an opportunity to share financially in the ministries and mission of this congregation. If you're a visitor or a newcomer, as our guest you are under no obligation to contribute. We hope to see you again soon!

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Carl & Rose Rodgers
Ushers: Nelson Hastings & Gordon Sloat
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery/Assistant: Mary Hamilton
Snack: None Scheduled
Sound Technician: Bob Ericson
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK: August 2

Greeter: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Aaron Knowles & Paul Seguin
Reader: Mark Enstrom
Communion Prep: Betty Sloat
Nursery: Kathy Knowles
Sound Tech: David Reitman
Candle Lighter: None scheduled

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Thursday Olivia Mashiana
Sunday Sarah Sanders

When you come to church on Sunday, remember to . . .

Bring your Bibles – It's not all in the bulletin

Bring canned goods for outreach to those in need through the food pantries at ECHO and Rising Hope

Bring change for the change box to fund capital improvements

Bring a dollar or two to help our Youth Group support Yohannes Makalew, our Compassion International sponsored child in Indonesia

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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.

THIS WEEK

Today	11:00 AM	Fellowship and snack time Enjoy our benches outside Sign up to bring snack in the hallway The picnic area is also available
Wednesday	7:30-9 PM	Summer Bible study and prayer meeting in the church kitchen This week – Daniel chapter 4 Get an update on our blogspot
Sunday July 25	10:00 AM	Family Worship Service Celebration of Holy Communion Message from the Book of Zephaniah

Remember that this building is regularly used by many other groups. If you are planning an activity, please check the complete calendar in the church office and contact Aaron Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling an event. Aaron can be reached by calling the church office or 703-425-5633. The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, August 2:

2 Samuel 11:1-5	David and Bathsheba
Psalms 51	Against Thee have I sinned
Ephesians 4:1-16	Life worthy of the calling
John 6:24-35	True bread from heaven

Time to Look Ahead to the Women's Retreat at Black Rock! Our speaker this year is ordained Covenant Pastor Judy Swanberg. Reserve your place for this pleasant weekend as soon as possible. Brochures are on the table near the door of the sanctuary.

In the Covenant Companion: "Table Grace" – Stephen Chester tells how a church meal sparked a public debate between two apostles and why it matters to us today. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE TODAY announce and celebrate the birth on Wednesday, July 22, of Gustav Andrew Elving Lemon, the son of Linnea and David Lemon. Linnea is Bill Anderson's daughter and our hearty congratulations are extended to Bill and Dorothy on this new addition to their family. Gustav weighed 8 lbs. at birth and was 22 in. long. God bless this fine boy and his happy parents!

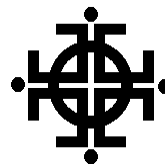
Thanks to Gordon Sloat for refinishing the communion table and baptismal font. The top of the communion table was in very bad shape and has been refinished and restained. In addition, Gordon has completely replaced and rebuilt the cover of for the baptismal font and did a beautiful job. The Sloats have also purchased new glass bowls for the font. We appreciate this expression of craftsmanship and concern which has already enhanced our sanctuary.

How to contact Pastor Benson: By phone (703-451-6624; 703-455-4150; 703-505-0626) by mail (6624 Reynard Drive, Springfield, VA 22152) or by email (johnsbenson@hotmail.com). Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

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Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY

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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 our unity in Christ. Then four different people, joined together, reach out to the world in love. Find out more about the Covenant at www.covchurch.org