

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, August 5, 2007 – 10:00 AM

Welcome Rev. John Benson

Prelude Sandra Benson, Organ
Becky Ericson, Piano

Lord, I want to be a Christian – Hughes
(The text of this prayer is Hymn 345)

*Reading of Psalm 107 with sung response Hymnal #833

*Opening Prayer

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 Bill Anderson, Reader

Prayer of Confession Hymnal #909

Second Lesson Colossians 3:1-11

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

+ Children ages 3 – Grade 4 are dismissed for Summertime JAM +

Offering

*Hymn #108, Stanza 4 *Sing Praise to the Father*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #636 *All Things Are Yours!*

Communion Meditation Hosea 11:1-11

A GLIMPSE INTO THE HEART OF GOD

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

*Affirmation of Faith Hymnal #874

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Hymn #249 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*

*Benediction

Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

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.

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.

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SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Matt & Robert Hamilton
Nursery: Martha Reitman
Communion Prep: Lynda Seguin
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

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.

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

Greeters: Youth Group
Ushers: Bud Clark & Aaron Knowles
Reader: Paul Seguin
Nursery: Kathy Knowles
Candle lighter: None Scheduled

This Week

Today 10:00 AM Worship Service

Thursday ***Happy Anniversary to Sony & Kris Mashiana!!!***

Thursday-Sunday Women Ministries Triennial XII,
Chicago, IL

Friday ***Happy Birthday to Ruth Kendrick!!!***

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service
Aug. 5

Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 God wants to have an argument
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 God issues a summons
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 A definition and illustrations of faith
Luke 12:32-40 Sell your possessions and give alms

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.



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.

Casseroles will be brought to Rising Hope Mission Church this August. Instead of a sign up sheet, those who would like to provide a casserole should bring them in as soon as possible and place them in the freezer. If you have any questions, please let Kathy (703-425-5633) know.

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.

We now have three picnic tables in the grove of trees south of the church – the product of Alex Kingley’s Boy Scout Troop 1853 Eagle Project. Take advantage of this and our early services this summer. Bring a picnic lunch to church and invite someone to share it with you after the service!



In the Covenant Companion – “Vitality, Reality and Change” – John Wenrich, director of congregational vitality for the Covenant, outlines the characteristics of at-risk churches, congregations facing a critical moment in their lifetime, stable churches, and healthy, missional churches. 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.



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.

The Youth Group is sponsoring a Child through Compassion International. His name is Yohanes, and he lives in Indonesia. \$40 per month has been pledged by the Youth to help support this five-year-old boy. The donations box has been placed on the credenza with information on Yohanes in the information holder. Members of the Youth Group should place their donations in the box as they have them. Donations received above the \$40 target will be kept in the account until Yohanes’ birthday in October and for Christmas.



Ladies! Our Retreat in Quarryville, PA is coming up fast. The deadline for your registration deposit is July 20th. Please get your registration in to Claire as soon as possible. The balance of the fee is due by August 24th. Ruth Hill, the Executive Minister of Women Ministries will be the speaker. If you would like to help with the planning process, you are welcome to come to a planning meetings on July 17 & 24 at 10:00 in the church kitchen.



Did you miss last week’s sermon? Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website. Please visit us at www.covenantchurchva.org.



MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC! Springfield Women's Connection Invites you to a luncheon at the Springfield Golf & Country Club on Thursday, August 9 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Professional actress and singer, Karen Knight, will sing a selection of songs from Broadway musicals and will also be the speaker. Karen played Noah's wife at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theater in Lancaster, PA, and will tell of a time she faced her own floods of life and learned to sing in the rain. The cost is \$17 and includes the lunch and free child care. Please reserve your place by August 6th by calling Ginny (703-569-4670) or Liz (703-876-4780).

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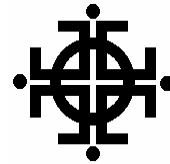
How to Contact Pastor Benson – You can call him at home, where he maintains an office, at any time – 703-451-6624. His e-mail address is johnsbenson@hotmail.com. Or you may contact him in his office at church – 703-455-4150. The church's e-mail address is communitycovenant@verizon.net. Prayer requests 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.

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.

Have You Forgotten the Buddy Board? There are many people available and willing to do a variety of things for you. Please take a look at the bulletin board above the hymnal shelf to see who's volunteering for what. If you would like to place your name on the board and volunteer, please do!

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.

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 necessity of the new birth. New birth in Christ means committing ourselves to him and receiving forgiveness, acceptance and eternal life. But new birth is only the beginning. Growing to maturity in Christ is a lifelong process for both individuals and communities of believers.