

WORSHIP IN THE GROWING SEASON

11th Sunday after Pentecost - August 16, 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

In Praise of God
Old 100th – arr. Sikes

*Reading of Psalm 111 with sung response

Hymn 836

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 5:15-20 Lisa Ann Abranchess, Reader

Our Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*Hymn 48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 306

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

The Message

Philemon 1-25

BOOKS I HAVE NOT PREACHED FROM YET

Philemon: How Could He Say No?

*Hymn 587

Slaves Once Were We

*Benediction

Jude 24, 25

*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 the bulletin, including your address and prayer 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!

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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	No Bible study and prayer meeting this week – Pastor's out of town
Sunday August 23	10:00 AM	Family Worship Service Message from the Book of 2 John

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. The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, August 23:

1 Kings 8:1-43

The Temple is dedicated

Ephesians 6:10-20

The whole armor of God

John 6:56-69

You have the words of eternal life!

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.

Sunday Morning Schedule Changing Soon – We are continuing with our summer Sunday morning schedule (no Sunday School, Worship at 10 AM) through Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 6. The school year schedule (Sunday School at 9:30 Am, Worship at 11) will commence on Sunday, September 13.

Book discussion on "Three Cups of Tea" will be August 23, Sunday – at 6:30 PM in the church kitchen.

We have a plastic bin that needs a home. A large blue bin with handles was left over after the church yard sales. If this bin might belong to you, please contact the Hamiltons.

In the Covenant Companion: "The In-Between Time" – two articles take a look at intentional interim ministry: what churches need to know when the pastor leaves. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

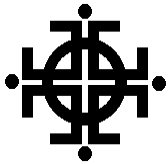
Pastor John and Sandy Benson will be out of town early this week. They are travelling to Ridgway, Pennsylvania, today and will be returning late Wednesday. Ridgway is where the Bensons began their ministry and where John's parents are buried.

How to contact Pastor Benson: Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care. 703-455-4150.

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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