

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, August 19, 2007 – 10:00 AM

Welcome Rev. John Benson

Prelude Sandra Benson, Organ
Becky Ericson, Piano

Prelude in G minor – J.S. Bach

Call to Worship From Psalm 86

Leader: Teach us your ways, O Lord,
that we may walk in your truth.

People: *Give us undivided hearts to honor your name.*

Leader: We give thanks to you, O God,
and glorify your name forever.

People: *For you are merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.*

*Hymn #701 *Our Father in Heaven*

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

THE BLESSING OF A CHILD
A Service of Dedication

Address to the Congregation Pastor Benson

Hymn #87 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 8:1 Becky Ericson
Psalm 100:3-5 Betty Sloat

Address to the Parents David and Sarah Ericson

The Word of Blessing Gordon Sloat Mark 10:13-16

Promises of the Parents and the Congregation

The Christening of Andrew Lewis Ericson Born October 11, 2006

Act of Blessing with the Laying on of Hands

Life Verses Rob Ericson Proverbs 3:5-6

The Presentation Song – Insert *Behold, What Manner of Love*

Prayer for the Family and a Charge to the Congregation

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

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

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Gospel Luke 12:49-56

*Hymn #284 *God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle*

+Sung to “Hyfrydol” – the tune of Hymn 374+

Sermon Luke 12:49

THE INCENDIARY FELLOWSHIP

*Hymn #584 *Faith of our Fathers*

*Benediction Hebrews 11:39-12:2

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

Greeters: Youth Group
Ushers: Carl Rodgers & Andrea Hamilton
Nursery: Mary Hamilton
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

Greeters: Youth Group
Ushers: Rob & Bob Ericson
Reader: Liz Reitman
Nursery: Betty Sloat
Candle lighter: None Scheduled

Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday:

Jeremiah 1:4-10	God's call to Jeremiah
Psalms 71:1-6	Our rock of refuge
Hebrews 12:18-29	Have we come to this?
Luke 13:10-17	Jesus heals a crippled woman

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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 10:00 AM Worship Service
The Dedication of Andrew Ericson
11:00 AM Christian Formation Committee

Monday *Happy Anniversary to John & Nora Kastanowski!!!*

Saturday 9:30 AM Coffee with the Congolese Pastor
and a Rip 'n' Roll
Church of the Redeemer in Bowie

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service
Aug. 26 Guest Speaker from the Congo
11:00 AM Congregational Meeting

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.



Please Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, August 26 11:00 AM Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 2 10:00 AM Celebration of Communion

+Last Sunday of our Summer Schedule+

Sunday, September 9 9:30 AM Sunday School Rally Day

+Theme: Apple Harvest – Fun & Games for All Ages+

11:00 AM Worship Service

Sunday, September 16 9:30 AM Sunday School classes begin



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 \$3,200 has been raised.

We now have three picnic tables in the grove of trees south of the church – the product of Alex Kingsley’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!

Ladies! Our Retreat in Quarryville, PA is coming up fast. The balance of the fee is due by August 24th. Ruth Hill, the Executive Minister of Women Ministries will be the speaker.



In the Covenant Companion – “Cathy’s Cup” – a Covenanter’s life of quiet compassion inspires North Park students. The current issue also includes a history of the Covenant’s involvement in Sudan. 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.



Coffee with the Congolese Pastor. On Saturday, August 25, please join us at Church of the Redeemer in Bowie, MD, to have coffee with the Congolese Pastor who will be speaking here on Sunday. Immediately following the coffee there will be a Rip ‘n’ Roll. Please see Betty Sloat, if you are interested. Contributions for mailing the bandages are needed!

Heirloom Memories. The Springfield Alexandria Women’s Connection’s next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, September 13th at the Springfield Golf & Country Club from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Anne Littleton, a quilt artist, will show how to incorporate handkerchiefs and vintage liners into quilts, pillows and other decorative items. Bring a Hankie to play with. The speaker has not yet been announced. The cost is \$17 and includes the lunch and free child care. Please reserve your place by September 9th by calling Ginny (703-569-4670) or Liz (703-876-4780).

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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. Meeting days for the month of September will be the 16th and the 30th from 5:30 to 7:00.

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.



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!

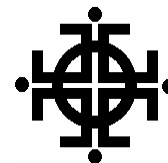
Life is No Picnic for many, even in a prosperous area like Northern Virginia. Remember what Jesus said about being hungry, and bring some canned goods for the food pantry at ECHO when you come to worship him on Sunday. Put them in the picnic basket by the hymnal rack.

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.



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.

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. Membership in the Covenant Church is by confession of personal faith in Jesus Christ and is open to all believers. We observe Baptism and Holy Communion as sacraments commanded by Jesus. We practice both infant and believer baptism. 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.