

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 26, 2007 – 10:00 AM

Welcome Rev. John Benson

Prelude Sandra Benson, Organ
Becky Ericson, Piano

Amazing Grace – arr. Hamlin

*Call to Worship Hebrews 12:18-29

*Hymn # 577

Come, We That Love the Lord

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

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

Offertory

*Hymn #108, Stanza 4

Sing Praise to the Father

*Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

Rev. Corine Kikwiti,
Pastor of the Covenant Church in Congo
Translator: Florence Gustafson,
Covenant World Mission

*Hymn # 693

Fill the Earth with Music

*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.

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Our Guest Preacher today is Rev. Corine Kikwiti, an ordained pastor of the Covenant Church in Congo. Her translator is Florence Gustafson, who together with her husband, Keith, was commissioned by the Covenant for missionary service in Congo in 1984. They are now on home assignment, serving as Liaison to the Congo Church, in Pastoral Care and Women's Ministries. Corine and Florence were in Chicago together to participate in the recent Women Ministries Triennial and have been visiting congregations on the East Coast. It is a joy and a privilege to have them with us today!

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Carl & Rose Rodgers
Ushers: Rob & Bob Ericson
Nursery: Betty Sloat
Candle Lighter: Thomas Connelie

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

Greeter: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Paul Seguin & Aaron Knowles
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery: Kathy Knowles
Communion Prep: Kathy Knowles
Candle Lighter: Jared Connelie

Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday:

Jeremiah 2:4-13	How people become worthless
Psalms 81:1;10-16	Honey from the rock
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Entertaining angels
Luke 14:1, 7-14	Etiquette lessons from the Lord

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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
11:00 AM **Congregational Meeting**

Tuesday *Happy Birthday to Jerry Butler!!!
Happy Birthday to Grace Redding!!!*

Thursday *Happy Birthday to Sharon Anderson Torres!!!*

Friday *Happy Anniversary to David & Martha Reitman!!!
Happy Birthday to Mikayla Redding!!!*

Saturday *Happy Anniversary to Carl & Rose Rodgers!!!*

Next Sun. 10:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

Sept. 2

+ **Next Sunday is the last Sunday of our Summer Schedule** +

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!

Sun., September 9 9:00 AM Sunday School Rally Day

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

11:00 AM Worship Service

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

Ladies! Our Retreat in Quarryville, PA is coming up fast. The balance of the fee is now due.

Congo Mission

Date Covenant work began: 1937

Churches or stations: 1,107 Members: 147,778

Missionaries: 23 career serving in other locations; 2 short-term

National workers: 1,094

Institutions: 3 hospitals, 61 dispensaries, 1 nursing school, 3 Bible schools, 1 Bible institute, 1 theological seminary; 185 primary and secondary schools with a total of 21,889 students; 1 cooperative school with the Free Church for missionary children (closed at present)

Congo has a population of 49,000,511, of which 21 percent are evangelical Christians. In 1996-97, all Covenant missionaries were evacuated following a military overthrow of the government. Conditions have remained extremely difficult. Missionaries based in neighboring countries counsel and encourage as the situation permits.



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.

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!



In the Covenant Companion – “Thirty-one Prayers in Thirty-one Days” – Victor Parachin presents a guide to praying for our children. 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.



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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.



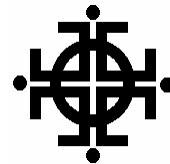
New Guidelines for Labels to save for the Education Program at the Covenant Home in Cromwell have been developed and are in the basket on the coffee table where labels are gathered. Take a copy home and post it on your refrigerator.

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.

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 a commitment to the whole mission of the Church. The early Covenanters were known as "Mission Friends" – people of shared faith who came together to carry out God's mission both near and far. Mission for them and for us includes evangelism, Christian Formation, and ministries of compassion, mercy, and justice. We follow Christ's two central calls – the Great Commission sends us out into the world to make disciples. The Great Commission calls us to love the Lord our God and our neighbors as ourselves.