

WORSHIP IN THE GROWING SEASON

13th Sunday after Pentecost - August 30, 2009 – 10 AM

*The bulletin is a reminder that a great nation has
Wise and discerning people within it who call upon God and
Live in obedience to his commands. (Deuteronomy 4:5-8)*

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

Pastorale - Charles Wesley
(1757 – 1834)

*Call to Worship Colossians 1:15-20

*Hymn 325

I Heard A Voice

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson: James 1:17-27 Carl Rodgers, Reader

Our Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*Hymn 48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 492

All Thrills My Soul Is Jesus

The Message 3 John 1-14

BOOKS I HAVE NOT PREACHED FROM YET

3 John – Healthy People in a Revitalized Church

*Hymn 598

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

*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!

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Youth Group
Ushers: Rob & Bob Ericson
Reader: Carl Rodgers
Nursery: Claire Bentley
Sound Tech: David Reitman
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled
Snack: Claire Bentley

SERVING NEXT WEEK: September 6

Greeter: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Aaron Knowles & Paul Seguin
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery: Kathy Knowles
Communion: Lynda Seguin
Sound Tech: None
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled
Snack: Sloats

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Today Sharon Anderson
Monday David & Martha Reitman,
Mikayla Redding
Tuesday Carl & Rosalie Rodgers, Mike &
Anne Sanders
Thursday Michael Alexander

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	Come listen to "Belshazzar's Feast" Sir William T. Walton's Oratorio Based on Daniel Chapter 5 with Robert Shaw and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra & Chorus
Sunday September	10:00 AM	Celebration of Holy Communion Message from the book of Jude
	11:15 AM	Congregational Business Meeting Voting on membership applications Election of new council members

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, September 6:

Proverbs 22: 1-23 Those who are generous are blessed
James 1:17-27 Faith without works is dead
Mark 7:24-27 Miracles in Gentile territory

HELP!!!!!! Our volunteer list is looking rather sorrowful. We have need of volunteers to augment our already over-worked, steadfast little group of volunteers. There is a list on the table outside the sanctuary. Please sign up!

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.

In the Covenant Companion: “12 New Covenant Churches” – Highlights from the 124th Covenant Annual Meeting held earlier this summer in Portland, Oregon. Did you know that our small and growing denomination has 34 active duty chaplains and six reserve and National Guard chaplains, nine of whom are currently deployed in war zones? Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

A Year of Living Biblically is the book to be discussed on Sunday, October 11, at 6:30 PM in the church kitchen. We encourage you to read the story of A.J. Jacob's quest “to follow every single rule in the Bible as literally as possible this year” and to join in our discussion.

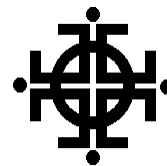
Autumn Gala – Covenant Village of Cromwell Benefit Event. Set aside Sunday evening October 11 for Covenant Village of Cromwell's Autumn Gala. Silent and teacup auctions will offer the opportunity to take home a treasure during the social hour. Following dinner, we will experience GLAD. These pioneers of contemporary Christian music place a strong emphasis on complex vocals with classical and jazz overtones. Proceeds will go towards benevolent care at CVOC. Tickets are \$60 each.

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

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



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