

**The Celebration of Holy Communion**  
Sunday, September 2, 2007 – 10:00 AM

Welcome Rev. John Benson

Prelude Jennifer Garretson, Piano  
*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
Geistliche Kirchengesange  
Arranged by Chris Rice

\*Call to Worship Hebrews 13:8, 15

\*Praise Medley (Insert) Led by Jen and Tim Garretson  
*How Great Is Our God*  
*How Great Thou Art*

\*Opening Prayer

First Lesson Jeremiah 2:4-13 Bud Clark, Reader

Silent Prayers of Confession Assurances of Pardon

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

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

Offering Hebrews 13:5-6, 16

\*Hymn #108, Stanza 4

*Sing Praise to the Father*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #551, Stanzas 1 and 3 Sandra Benson, Organist

*As We Gather at Your Table*

Communion Meditation

Luke 14:1,7-14

**TABLE MANNERS IN THE KINGDOM**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

\*The Apostles' Creed Hymnal #879

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

\*Hymn #552

*How Great the Joy*

\*Benediction

Hebrews 13:1-2

\*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. Nursery care for children up to the age of 5 is available downstairs.

**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.

## SERVING TODAY

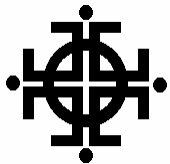
Greeter: Ruth Kendrick  
Ushers: Paul Seguin & Aaron Knowles  
Communion Prep: Kathy Knowles  
Nursery: Kathy Knowles  
Candle Lighter: Jared Connelie

## SERVING NEXT WEEK:

Greeters: Youth Group  
Ushers: Carl Rodgers & Jared Connelie  
Reader: Sandy Benson  
Nursery: Betty Sloat  
Nursery Assistant: Andrea Hamilton  
Candle Lighter: Lidiya Badassa

## Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday:

Jeremiah 18:1-11	A visit to the potter's house
Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	God knows us through and through
Philemon 1:1-21	A case study in freedom
Luke 14:25-33	What builders and kings need to know



*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.covechurch.org](http://www.covechurch.org)

**A Covenant Affirmation:** We are a Catholic, Apostolic, Reformed and Evangelical Church. (Easy to recall if you remember that we C.A.R.E) The word catholic literally means universal. This means we understand ourselves to be a part of the community of believers that began with Jesus' first followers, is alive today, and will continue until Christ comes again.

## COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

**Celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> Year of Ministry**

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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 Communion Service

Monday

### Labor Day

*Happy Birthday to Mike Alexander!!!  
Happy Anniversary to Mike & Anne Sanders!!!*

**Sunday, September 9 is Christian Formation Sunday:**

*Happy Birthday to Chris Pruitt!!!*

9:00 AM Sunday School RallyDay  
Theme: Apple Harvest  
Fun & Games for All Ages  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
Guest Speaker: Eric Kleppinger  
Member of Sydenstricker United Methodist  
Trained Lay Preacher

**Remember,** other groups regularly use this building. 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.

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**Pastor John and Sandy Benson** will be leaving for a vacation in New England on Friday. They will be gathering with their entire family on the coast of Maine for a week to celebrate Sandy's parents' 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. The Bensons will return to Springfield on Monday, September 17. If you need to contact the Pastor while he is away, you may do so through the church office.

**Welcome to a new Sunday School Year!** We will begin the new year with a Rally next Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM. Come prepared (and dressed) for some outdoor fun at our Apple Harvest Festival. Music, Games and Food will all be a part of our celebration. Guests are always welcome!

**Hey, You Young People in Summertime JAM!** You are invited to stay after church for a pizza picnic fellowship gathering in our church picnic grove on Sunday, Sept 16. We'll make this an opportunity to get to know each other a bit better and make plans for future events. Bring your favorite lawn game and "after church beverage." Adults can contact Kristin at kristin.karlson@hotmail.com or 703-455-3210, if you have any questions.



**Rising Hope Mission Church** is in need of food donations. Items most needed are boxes of cereal and canned meats. Should you wish to help, please bring your food donations and place them in the box under the table by the hymnal shelf in the sanctuary.

**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 to raise \$6,000 beyond our budget for Covenant World Missions by the end of the year. So far \$3,200 has been raised.

## YOUTH NEWS

**Youth Group** will meet on two Sunday evenings this month – September 16 and 30, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the church. The group is led by Jim Hamilton and is open to all Middle and Senior High students. For more information, contact Kathy Knowles in the Church Office or listen to the "Youth Ministry Hotline" at 703-455-4150.

**The Youth Group is sponsoring a Child** through Compassion International. His name is Yohannes, 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 Yohannes 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 Yohannes' birthday in October and for Christmas.



**Heirloom Memories.** The Springfield Alexandria Women's Connection's next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 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 childcare. Please reserve your place by September 9<sup>th</sup> by calling Ginny (703-569-4670) or Liz (703-876-4780).



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**Did you miss last week's sermon?** Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website which is updated weekly. Please visit us at [www.covenantchurchva.org](http://www.covenantchurchva.org).



**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!

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.