

**WOSHIP IN THE GROWING SEASON**  
**Christian Formation Sunday – September 13, 2009 – 11AM**

*Christian Formation is a lifelong process of growth into Christ's likeness. No matter whether you have been growing for a few days, a few years, or a lifetime, continued growth requires time to refocus on the goals and determining what is needed to get there.*

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

*Holy Ground* – arr. K. Christopher

Call to Worship Psalm 95:3

\*Hymn 101

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

\*Opening Prayer

\*The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson James 3:1-12 Amy Ackerberg-Hastings, Reader

+ The Children's Bulletins are based on this passage +

Introduction of our Sunday School Teachers

Our Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

+Children ages 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade are dismissed for Jr. Jamboree+

Offertory

\*Hymn 48

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 420

*Teach Me Your Way, O Lord*

Sermon

Luke 2:40, 52

**GROWING UP, GROWING OLDER, GROWING WISER**

\*Hymn 376

*When We Walk with the Lord*

\*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 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 guests you are under no obligation to contribute. We hope to see you again soon!

## SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Erik & Anna Karlson  
Ushers: Jim Hamilton  
Reader: Amy Ackerberg-Hastings  
Nursery: Lynda Seguin  
Sound Tech: Bob Ericson  
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled  
Snack: Karlsons

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK:** September 13

Greeter: None Scheduled  
Ushers: Nelson Hastings  
Reader: Rob Ericson  
Nursery: Kathy Knowles  
Sound Tech: Jim Hamilton  
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled  
Snack: None Scheduled

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:**

Today Nicholas Kalis  
Monday David Sloat  
Tuesday Badassa & Almaz Tobo  
Wednesday Kevin Butler  
Thursday Stephen Sloat  
Friday Kayden Abranchess  
Saturday Amy Ackerberg-Hastings,  
Abigail Seguin

### **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

## COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

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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

<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM	Sunday School classes begin
	10:30 AM	First House Church Service Riverside Covenant Church Washington, DC
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
<b>Monday</b>	10:45 AM	Service for John Kastanowski Ft. Myer Chapel, Arlington (See notice for details)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study In the kitchen

### **Next Sunday, September 20**

9:30 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship Service Rev. David Smith preaching on "The Bridge to Nowhere" from John 4:3-10

**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 20:

Proverbs 31:10-31     A capable wife who can find?  
James 3:13-4:8     Devilish, earthly, unspiritual wisdom  
Mark 9:30-37     Disciples arguing, not understanding

**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.

**Junior Jamboree begins today!** Junior Jamboree is our "Children's Church" designed for kids ages 3 through second grade. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, the school aged children will be dismissed during the offertory. Each Junior Jamboree session will begin with singing in the nursery where all the children (infants, toddlers, preschoolers and elementary) will worship God with lively praise songs and movement. From there, Junior Jamboree children will move to the fellowship hall for Bible Story, Scripture verse, activity, or crafts.

**School has begun**, and that means some of our kids are far away from us. Care packages will be sent out the first week in October so we need a few things. First, make sure we have the names and addresses of the students we should be sending packages to. Please remember that a Grad Student is still a student. Next, sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary. We'll be needing the usual student staples - cookies, candy, popcorn, drink mixes, dollar store items, money for postage. Let's remind our students that they're remembered at home. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy.

**A funeral service for John Kastanowski** will be held tomorrow, Monday, September 14 at 10:45 AM at the Ft. Myer Chapel. Interment with military honors will follow in Arlington National Cemetery. Those attending are asked to arrive 30 minute before the service begins. Directions to Ft. Myer Chapel are available on the credenza. We rejoice with Nora in the living hope which we have through our faith in Christ Jesus and offer our prayers and continuing sympathy to her family

**In the Covenant Companion:** "The Unfolding Face of the Covenant" – profiles of Asian American church leaders in the Covenant and their congregations. Greg Yee looks at why so many young Asian American church leaders have found a home in the Covenant. 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 for one year" and to join in our discussion. Call Becky Ericson for more information: 703-503-3297.

**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. For tickets or information, call Janet Carlson at (860) 754-3045. Reservation deadline October 6.

**A new Covenant Church** is being planted in the Columbia Heights neighborhood of Washington DC! Peter Chin is leading this new congregation, assisted by Adam Phillips. Their first House Church Service is today at 10:30 AM. Pray for this outreach by the Covenant here in our area and read about this new congregation on the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs.

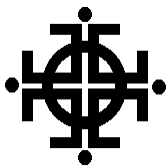
**Pastor John and Sandy Benson** are leaving this afternoon for a vacation in New England. They will be spending a couple weeks with Sandy's parents, Donald and Ruth Goranson, at the family cottage in Ogunquit, ME, and are planning to return to Springfield on Wednesday, September 30. If you need to get in touch with the Bensons while they are gone, or are in need of pastoral care, contact the church office or our Church Chairman, Rob Ericson, at 703-503-3297 or 301-713-1373.

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