

## THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 16, 2007 – 11:00 AM

Welcome

Rev. Doug Thorpe

Offertory

Prelude

Becky Ericson, Piano

\*Hymn #108, Stanza 4

*Glorify Thy Name/When Morning Guilds The Skies*  
Donna Adkins – arr. Tom Settke

*Sing Praise to the Father*

Call to Worship

Daniel 2:20-22

\*Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: *Worship the LORD with gladness;*

Leader: come before him with joyful songs.

People: *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and with praise!*

\*Hymn #486

### How Good It Is to Know the Lord

Sermon

Rev. Doug Thorpe

\*Hymn #28

*Shout for Joy, Loud and Long*

### GRUMBLES AND METAGRUMBLES

\*Hymn #496

*Rejoice, O Pure in Heart*

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Benediction

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*Postlude

Scripture Readings

Tom Connelie, Reader

\*Those who are able please stand.

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

+Children ages 3 – Grade 4 are dismissed for Junior JAMBoree+

**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.

## COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

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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

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School Rally Day Festivities Worship Service
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	7:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 AM	Sunday School Classes for all ages
<b>Sept. 23</b>	11:00 AM	Worship Service

**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.

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

Jeremiah 8:19-9:1	Is there no balm in Gilead?
Timothy 2:1-7	God desires everyone to be saved
Luke 16:1-13	Who is your master?

**Please Welcome Rev. Dough Thorpe,** our guest preacher today. Rev. Thorpe is a pastoral psychotherapist, a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and Adjunct Professor of Psychology at Marymount University. He coordinates the Center for Pastoral Counseling Office in Falls Church, VA, and also provides therapy at CPC's Metro Center Office in Washington, DC.

**Hey, You Young People in Summertime JAM!** You are invited to stay after church today for a pizza picnic fellowship gathering in our church picnic grove. 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 the church office (703-455-4150), if you have any questions.

**Ladies!** The Women's Bible study has begun. Please join them in the kitchen at 9:45 each Tuesday morning. For more information, please call Betty.

**A Last, Impassioned Plea!** We need your recipes if we are to get this cookbook off the ground. Have you ever had someone come up to you at a church event and ask for your recipe? Do you have a great recipe that you wouldn't mind sharing? Don't limit yourself to one. We are also asking for your family's favorite table graces. Men – we know you have recipes, too! Recipes can be placed in the folder on the sign-up table or on Kathy's desk.



**In the Covenant Companion** – "A Great Joy in Serving" – whether serving as a doctor in a remote village on Alaska's Nushagak Bay or as a U.S. Diplomat in Geneva, Switzerland, Covenanter Robert Fortune has tried to live his life as a witness to God's love and care. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310, or you can subscribe online at [www.covechurch.org/communications](http://www.covechurch.org/communications). Subscriptions are \$19.95 a year.



**We will be providing casseroles** for lunch for the homeless at Rising Hope Mission Church on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Five casseroles are needed. If you would like to donate a casserole, please make it in a disposable pan and bring it to the church before the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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 as been raised.

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**‘Tis That Time of Year Again!** Yup, sign-ups are out on the table for snacks for the coffee time between Sunday School and Worship. Also, we are always in need of volunteers (particularly Ushers!), so if you’d like to be one of those wonderful people who helps keep us going, sign up on the volunteer sign-up sheet. You can volunteer for more than one position!

**Church Workday** for Troop 1853 is Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 AM. Please come out and help as the grounds and the church building get a thorough sprucing up. We are providing a light lunch and snacks for the workers, so if you are interested, please sign up at the table outside the sanctuary.

**Directory Time** – please take a look at the latest edition of the directory and make sure your information is correct.



**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).

## 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 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.

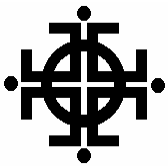


**How to Contact Pastor Benson** – You may contact him in his office at church – 703-455-4150. The church’s e-mail address is [communitycovenant@verizon.net](mailto:communitycovenant@verizon.net). Prayer requests and other matters can also be brought to his attention by using the Home Page insert in 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.



**Getting Away From It All** The Springfield Alexandria Women's Connection's next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Springfield Golf & Country Club from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Deb Goldsmith from YTB Travel Network reveals the latest hot travel spots and secrets to traveling cheap. Actress and former TV talk show host Karin Williams shares how she learned to say goodbye to painful losses and hello to a bright tomorrow. The price of \$17 is all inclusive. Free childcare is available, but must be reserved. Please reserve your place by October 8<sup>th</sup> by calling Ginny (703-569-4670) or Liz (703-876-4780).

**Covenant Village of Cromwell Benefit Event.** Set aside Sunday evening October 7<sup>th</sup>, for Covenant Village of Cromwell's "Autumn Gala." Silent and teacup auctions will offer the opportunity to take home a treasure during the fellowship hour. Rev. Craig Carlson will serve as master of ceremonies. Following dinner, Ken Medema will astonish us with his ability to compose impromptu songs. Ken is a consummate musician with an easy humor and will inspire, motivate and delight you. Proceeds will go toward benevolent care at Covenant Village of Cromwell. The evening starts at 5 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT. Tickets are \$55 each. For tickets or information, call Janet Carlson at Covenant Village (860) 635-2690.



*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)

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