

**WOSHIP IN THE GROWING SEASON**  
**Sunday September 27, 2009 – 11AM**

Welcome

Families with children are welcome in worship.  
Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers  
downstairs throughout the service

Prelude Becky Ericson, Piano

Come Fear The Lord – Bryan Jeffery Leech

Call to Worship

\*Hymn 10

*Immortal, Invisible, God of the Nations*

\*Opening Prayer

\*The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson Mark 9:38-50

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 523

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Sermon

Amos 5:18-24

“The Desert Gardeners”

\*Hymn 724

*For Healing of the Nations*

\*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!

**COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH**

**Celebrating our 37<sup>th</sup> year of Ministry**

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**SERVING TODAY**

Greeter: Carl & Rose Rodgers  
Ushers: Aaron Knowles  
Reader: None Scheduled  
Nursery: Kathy Knowles  
Sound Tech: None Scheduled  
Snack: None Scheduled

**SERVING NEXT WEEK:** October 4

Greeter: Ruth Kendrick  
Ushers: Aaron Knowles  
Reader: Julie  
Communion: Ericsons  
Nursery: Kathy Knowles  
Sound Tech: Davis Reitman  
Snack: None Scheduled

**Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:**

Monday Mark & Shira Enstrom  
Thursday Paul Seguin, Mercedes Perez  
Shawn Kalis

**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

*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** 9:30 AM Sunday School classes begin  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
**Tuesday** 10:00 AM Women’s Bible Study  
In the kitchen

**Next Sunday, October 4**

9:30 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship Service

**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.

**Our Guest preacher this morning** is Rev. David Smith, a newly retired Covenant Pastor now living in Reston, David and his late wife, Judy, served churches in the Midwest and West Coast, including First Covenant Church in Rockford and Glen Ellyn Covenant Church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois; Trinity Covenant Church in Salem, Oregon; Simi Valley Covenant Church in Pasadena, California; and Hinsdale Covenant Church in Hinsdale, IL. David's daughter, Hilary, her husband Jeson and their daughter, Lily, also live in Reston. David's son Ben and his wife Gracie live in Texas. It is a joy to welcome David to our Pulpit today.

**The rose on the communion table** is in honor of Jeremiah Daniel Reitman who was born on Tuesday, September 22 at 5:18 am. Jeremiah weighed in at 8 lbs 11 oz. Mom and baby are doing fine.

**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!

**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.

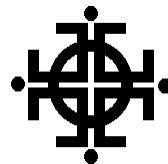
**Autumn Gala** – Covenant Village of Cromwell Benefit Event. Set aside Sunday evening October 11 for Covenant Village of Cromwell's Autumn Gala. Silent and teacup auctions will offer the opportunity to take home a treasure during the social hour. Following dinner, we will experience GLAD. These pioneers 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.

**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)*