

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, September 30, 2007 – 11:00 AM

Welcome Rev. John Benson

Prelude Amy Ackerberg-Hastings, Pianist

*Call to Worship

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord,

People: *“My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust!”*

Leader: For he will rescue you from every trap
and protect you from the fatal plague.
He will shield you from danger with his wings.
His faithful promises are your armor and protection.

People: *The Lord says, “I will rescue those who love me,
I will protect those who trust in my name.
When they call on me, I will answer.
I will satisfy them with a long life
And give them my salvation.”*

Leader: Let us worship him.

*Hymn #265

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Prayer of Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

*Beloved, like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my God.
I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste.
Song of Solomon 2:3*

First Lesson: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Rob Ericson, Reader

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

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

Offertory

*Hymn #108, Stanza 4

Sing Praise to the Father

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #634

Great Source of All Our Life

Sermon

1 Timothy 6:6-19

AS FOR YOU, MAN OF GOD

*Hymn #470

Am I a Soldier of the Cross?

*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 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.

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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** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
- Monday 35th Anniversary of John's Ordination
- Tuesday **Happy Birthday to Paul Seguin,
Mercedes Perez & Shawn Kalis!!!**
 9:45 AM *Women's Bible Study*
 Call Betty for details – 703-451-9423
- Saturday ***Happy Birthday to Jenny Connelie!!!***
- Sunday** ***Happy Birthday to Martha Reitman
Oct. 7 & Daniel Mayfield!!!***
 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes for all ages
 11:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday:

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| Lamentations 1:1-6 | A lament for Jerusalem in exile |
| Psalm 137 | The torment of captivity in Iraq |
| 2 Timothy 1:1-14 | Hold to the standard of sound teaching |
| Luke 17:5-10 | “We are worthless slaves.” |



October 7 is World Communion Sunday. We invite you to prepare yourself for the celebration of the Sacrament using the guidelines available on the credenza. It is also Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday. Domestic Violence is the single most common injury to women, with one in four having been abused. Each year, 10 million children are exposed to domestic abuse. We will also be launching our annual World Relief Campaign with the distribution of the “soup can” banks which we will use to gather an offering to be received during the week of Thanksgiving.

Pray for the women from our congregation who are attending the Women’s Retreat this weekend in Pennsylvania. Over 70 women from the Southern Districts of the East Coast Conference are attending. Ruth Hill, executive director of Women Ministries in the Covenant is the speaker. The women will be returning home this afternoon.

Thanks:

- + To those who provided casseroles for the meal for the homeless at Rising Hope Mission Church on Wednesday. Mary Hamilton and Claire Bentley brought the casseroles to the Center and attended the Worship Service there.
- + To those who participated in the work day together with Troop 1853 yesterday and to Shelley Connelie, who coordinated the lunch which was served to the workers, and to those who provided food.



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.

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.

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.



In the Covenant Companion – “Julia Child Must Be Smiling” – Catherine Barsotti and Robert Johnston review the movie Ratatouille in their regular column. The “Life in the Covenant” section includes the news that two Covenanters will be competing for the Miss America crown in January. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310, or you can subscribe online at www.covechurch.org/communications. Subscriptions are \$19.95 a year.



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. 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 Women's Connection's next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 11th 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. Please reserve your place by October 8th by calling Ginny (703-569-4670) or Liz (703-876-4780). Free childcare is available, but must be reserved.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group will not meet tonight due to the Lock-In they had on Friday night. Youth Group meets on October 7 and 21 from 5:00 to 6:45. 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.

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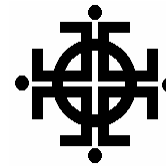
Directory Time – please take a look at the latest edition of the directory and make sure your information is correct.



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

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.

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!



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

A Covenant Affirmation: We affirm the centrality of the Word of God. We believe the Bible is the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct. Not to be shaped by the Word is to be shaped by the world.