

CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION
Easter Sunday – April 4, 2010 – 11AM
WHAT'S YOUR ONE STEP? – WEEK FOUR

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name – Ellor, 1838
I Know that My Redeemer Liveth – Handel
Thine Is the Glory – arr. Page

*Call to Worship Psalm 118:22-24

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord's doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it..

*Hymn 249

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

*An Easter Prayer (in unison, from the insert)

First Lesson Isaiah 65:17-25 Bud Clark, Reader

Gospel Luke 24:1-12

Pastoral Prayer

+ Remembering those honored by the Easter Lillies today +

*Hymn 251

Easter Song

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

*The Doxology – Hymn 108, Stanza 4

Sing Praise to the Father

*Dedication of the One Step Commitments

*Hymn 245

Low In the Grave He Lay

Sermon 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

EASTER HEADLINES AND TOP STORIES

*Hymn 243

Thine Is the Glory

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Aaron Knowles
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery/Assistant: Martha Reitman
Sound Tech: Bob Ericson
Snack: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK: April 11

Greeters: Erik & Anna Karlson
Ushers: Paul Seguin
Reader: Carl Rodgers
Nursery/Assistant: Betty Sloat
Snack: To Be Announced
Sound Technician: David Reitman

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Today Gary Redding, Diana Grimord
Tuesday Betty & Gordon Sloat

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

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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

Today	6:30 AM	Sunrise Service
	9:00 AM	Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 AM	Celebration of the Resurrection
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study

Next Sunday, April 11 – WORLD MISSIONS EMPHASIS

9:30 AM Dr. Cindy Hoover, Covenant Medical Missionary to Oaxaca, Mexico, will be our Special guest for the Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes

11:00 AM Dr. Hoover will share a Moment for Missions in our morning 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

Welcome! Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit, or something you do every week, we're happy that you're here! Families with children are welcome in our worship services and nursery care for infants and toddlers is also available downstairs. We hope your experience here today will be encouraging and helpful to you spiritually.

Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, April 11

Acts 5:27-32	We are witness to these things
Revelation 1:4-8	Jesus Christ, the faithful witness
John 20:19-31	It was evening on that day

In the Covenant Companion: Two Easter Season Articles: "Has Anyone Seen Jesus Lately?" by Glen Wilberg and "Recognizing the Risen Christ" by Helen Cepero. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

Book discussion for April: John Stott – "Why I am a Christian." Date to follow.

It's Time for Final Exams! Our final Package From Home would like to get out to our students by exam week. As this is different for each school, we would like them to go by April 19. Please bring your home-baked goodies, store-bought treats, or Dollar Store trinkets in by Sunday, April 18. Things that have been particularly mentioned by our students as all-time favorites have been packets of hot chocolate, anything baked, and candy! We send packages to up to 12 students, so donations are also being taken for postage. Donations should be given to Kathy Knowles or placed on the secretary's desk.

Dr. Cindy Hoover, a Covenant Missionary in Mexico, will be visiting with us on Sunday, April 11. She will share her ministry of public health and transformational development in the Oaxaca region with us during the Sunday School Hour at 9:30 AM, and will also speak at our Morning Worship Service in a Moment for Missions.

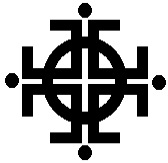
The Covenant Churches of Washington DC are having a pot-luck supper, and you're invited! It will be held at 6 PM on Saturday, April 17 at Bowie Covenant Church. Bowie Covenant has invited the new Riverside Church in DC and our congregation to join them. Please bring a main dish to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Two Delegates are needed to attend the Annual Meeting of the East Coast Conference. It will be held on Saturday, May 1, at Monadnock Covenant Church in Keene, NH. The meeting will begin with an opening worship service at 9 AM and will conclude with a luncheon following the morning business session. On the preceding Friday afternoon, April 30, several workshops will be open to all delegates and guests at our Pilgrim Pines Conference Center on Lake Swanzey: **Pastoral Relations and Mutual Ministry** (Best Practices for Covenant Church Leaders) with Dr. David Kersten, Executive Director of the Ordered Ministry, ECC; **Alaska: Koyuk Covenant Partnership Opportunities** (How you and your church can make a difference in rural Alaska) with Rob Satterberg, Chair of the ECC Missions Committee; and **Developing People** (Helping people live into God's preferred future for their lives as leaders) with Dr. Alan Forsman, ECC Veritas Facilitator. A dinner will be served at Mayflower Lodge at 5:30 PM Friday and a Worship Celebration and Communion Service will take place in the Pilgrim Pines Chapel Friday evening. Tell our Church Chair, Rob Ericson, if you are interested in attending.

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.

How to contact Pastor Benson: By phone (703-451-6624; 703-455-4150; 571-201-9299) 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.

Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY



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

An Easter Prayer

Oh God of Easter,
God of resurrection power
Bring heavenly life to our
Earth bound souls;

Thou, who did'st call Lazarus forth
From his tomb
Call us forth from dead works,
And let our hearts be aglow
With immortal glory and power

Call us out of the tomb of hollow profession,
Of cold creeds, and wordy ritual,
And let thy life abundant permeate and
Saturate our stagnant souls,
Bringing joy where there is heaviness of heart.
Bring peace where there is confusion;
Bring love where there is bitterness;
And may we henceforth live in
The glorious glow of the life
Which that first Easter poured
Forth upon a world of darkness.

And may we always be mindful of the
Source of this life-giving power,
And come to thee regularly to be refilled

In the Savior's name. Amen

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