

**THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, June 13, 2010 – 10:00 AM**

**+ AT THE POOL +**

Welcome Pastor Benson

Opening Prayer

Songs of Praise and Worship Led by David Reitman

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Responsive Reading, Scripture and Prayer

Personal Testimony and Affirmation of Faith

Congregation's Response

The Baptism of Robert Kristoffer Ericson

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession.

**+ IN THE SANCTUARY +**

Prelude Sandra Benson, Organist  
Becky Ericson, Pianist

*My Lord Is Near Me All the Time* – arr. Page

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Honoring of Our Graduates

Offertory

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 541

*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*

Sermon Reflections at Retirement Romans 16:1-16

IT'S NOT JUST A LIST OF NAMES

\*Hymn 552

*The Church's One Foundation*

\*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 week, we're happy that you're here! Families with children are welcomed 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.

## SERVING TODAY

Greeters:	None scheduled
Ushers:	Aaron Knowles
Reader:	None Scheduled
Nursery/Assistant:	Kathy Knowles
Snack:	Kathy Knowles
Sound Technician:	David Reitman

## SERVING NEXT WEEK: June 20

Greeters:	To Be Announced
Ushers:	To Be Announced
Reader:	To Be Announced
Nursery/Assistant:	To Be Announced
Snack:	To Be Announced
Sound Technician:	To Be Announced

## Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Today	Rob & Becky Ericson
Monday	Shelley Connelie
Friday	Betelihem Badassa

## 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

Today	10:00 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
Friday	7:30 PM	Potluck Supper at the Newberg's Small Group Study on Human Trafficking Everyone is invited to participate Contact Ginny Newberg or Betty Sloat

## Next Sunday, June 20 is Father's Day

10:00 AM	Worship Service Sermon in honor of my father Rev. Stanley A. Benson – The First Letter of Peter
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**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 next Sunday

1 Kings 19:1-15	God speaks to Elijah in a still, small voice
Psalms 42	“As the deer pants after the water brooks”
Galatians 3:23-29	There is no longer male and female
Luke 8:26-39	A legion of demons and a herd of swine

**The Small Groups** meeting at Rich and Ginny Newberg’s house is a four week study on human trafficking which is a project sponsored by Covenant Women’s Ministries. It will be based on the book, “Good News About Injustice” by Gary Haugen, CEO of International Justice Mission. We meet at 7:30 and begin with a potluck supper and then the study. If you are interested, please let Ginny or Betty know. Claire will be ordering the books this week.

**A Music and Worship meeting** will be held on Today, June 13 to discuss music plans for when Pastor John and Sandy Benson leave

**Our Summer Sunday Morning Schedule:** Continuing through Labor Day Weekend, the worship service will be held at 10 AM. In July and August, the congregation will be served by Interim Pastor, Peter Morris of Seattle. Rev. Morris is a graduate of North Park Seminary and recently served for 22 months as the Interim Pastor for Christ Covenant Church in Harleysville, PA. His Profile is posted on the bulletin board. Sunday School will resume in the fall.

**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.

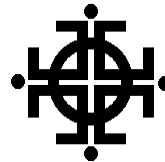
**In the Covenant Companion:** “Why Are You a Covenanter?” – In recognition of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our denomination, Covenanters from across the country answer the question. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

**The Benson’s Farewell Party** is scheduled for Saturday, June 26 at 4 PM. It will be a luau and will be held here at the church. All are invited to attend. Contact Rob Ericson for details. Anyone who wishes to learn hula for the occasion is invited to contact Kathy Knowles for the schedule of practice sessions. Sunday, June 27, at 10 AM is our final worship service with the Benson’s. The service will include a ceremony of farewell and Pastor Benson’s sermon on 2 Corinthians 2:18-20, “Why We Say Amen.”

**The Church Profile** is now on the website. You can take a look at [www.covenantchurchva.org](http://www.covenantchurchva.org). Thanks to the search committee for their hard work and dedication.

**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).

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us hear baptism's call and promise:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of us all.

**And by one Spirit we were baptized into one body  
and were made to drink of one spirit**

All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into  
his death

**So that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the  
Father we too might walk in newness of life**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is always and everywhere right to give God thanks and praise.**

Today we thank you for water:

invented by no mind, product of no hands,  
habitat of embryos, home to plants and creatures,  
primal link with the beginning.

**Gift of God.**

Agent of cleansing, source of energy,

Transformer of deserts, satisfaction of thirst, recreation to be enjoyed

**One substance, many uses.**

We give you particular thanks, O God,

as we recall your redemption by water:

**over it your spirit hovered at creation;  
your righteous servant Noah and his family survived it in the ark;  
through it your people passed in deliverance from slavery;  
you gave them water from the rock in the desert;  
through it your people walked again to the promised land;  
by it Jesus as safeguarded in Mary's womb;  
in it your Son Jesus was baptized,  
and by it, declared solidarity with sinners;  
at his crucifixion blood and water came forth in sacrifice for  
humankind;  
at his resurrection he was made for our justification.**

Just prior to his ascension he commanded us, saying:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been give to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son  
and the Holy Spirit,

and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

(Spoken or sung – hymn 538)

**Water of life, Jesus our light; journey from death to new life.**

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Let us pray.

**O God, let your Spirit hover over this water**

**as at creation and as this same Spirit over Jesus Christ at  
his baptism**

**So let the Spirit come now, making this:**

**a washing with water by the word;**

**a sign of the new covenant;**

**our habitat in Christ, crucified and risen;**

**our bonding in water with brothers and sisters Christ;**

**our solidarity with those with whom he is in solidarity;**

**and our commission to serve in Jesus' name. Amen.**

