

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, October 11, 2009 – 11AM

“Worship is an *act* that develops feelings for God, not a *feeling* for God that is expressed in an act of worship. When we obey the command to praise God in worship, our deep, essential need to be in relationship with God is Nurtured.”

Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

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, Piano

O Worship the King – arr. Wyrzten

*Call to Worship Philippians 2:9-11

*Hymn 314

Join All the Glorious Names

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord’s Prayer

Second Lesson Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark Enstrom, Reader

+ The children’s bulletin are based on this passage +

Reception of New Members:

Nora Kastanowski, Jack Roberts, Julie Roberts, Kari Verdugo

Congregational Hymn Response: Hymnal No. 947

Our Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

+ Children ages 3-2nd Grade are dismissed for Jr. Jamboree +

Offertory

*Hymn 48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 578

Thank You, God, for Sisters, Brothers

Sermon Mark 10:17-31

THE “SHOCK AND AWE” OF FOLLOWING JESUS

*Hymn 404

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought!

*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 guest you are under no obligation to contribute. We hope to see you again soon!

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Erik & Anna Karlson
Ushers: Rob Ericson
Reader: Mark Enstrom
Nursery/Assistant: Betty Sloat/Aaron Knowles
Sound Tech: Bob Ericson
Snack: The Hastings

SERVING NEXT WEEK: October 18

Greeter: None Scheduled
Ushers: Carl Rodgers
Reader: Sandy Benson
Nursery/Assistant: Claire Bentley/Erik Karlson
Sound Tech: Jim Hamilton
Snack: The Reitmans

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Today	Tom Connelie
Monday	Mike & Janet Coussa, Matt Sanders, Benjamin Kalis Liam & Luke Murray
Tuesday	Russ & Dru Dumas
Wednesday	Dave Ericson
Friday	Erik Karlson

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	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	6:30 PM	Book Discussion in the kitchen: <u>A Year Living Biblically</u> Everyone is invited to participate
Monday		Columbus Day
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study

Next Sunday, October 18

	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.

Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, October 18:

Job 38:1-7; 34-41	God has questions for Job
Hebrews 5:1-10	Jesus' high priestly ministry
Mark 10:35-45	The pathway to greatness

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: "Travels on the Covenant Road" – eager to understand his new church, pastor Bob McFadden sets out to discover what the Covenant is all about. Follow as he visits six different Covenant Churches. 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 Today, 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.

Bob Ericson is getting underway with his Eagle Scout Project this week. He plans to build a new deck, steps and benches around the serving table platform in our picnic area. On Saturday, Oct. 24, he will be laying the foundations and on Saturday Oct. 31, he will be completing the project. Talk to Bob today if you can volunteer to help either day, or call him at 703-503-3297. Donations to help cover the cost of materials for the project are also welcome – simply write a check to Community Covenant Church, designate it for Bob's project and give it to Bob or put it in the offering plate.

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.

The Rode on the Communion Table today celebrates the birth of Alyssa Riley Lusby on Monday, October 5, at around 11:30 AM. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. on arrival. Our congratulations go out to her mother, Elizabeth, and her grandparents, Joe and Sang Im Munroe. We are grateful to God for the way he answered our prayers and welcome this new little one into our church family.

The Fall 2009 East Coast Covenanter is available on the credenza. This issue's theme is NAVIGATE! Read it for the latest news from our mission field here on the East Coast, including a word from our Superintendent, Howard Burgoyne, reflections on the closing of a congregation in New York City and highlights from a church plant in Maine (one of 7, including a congregation in DC!); the latest from Pilgrim Pines; tips on using Veritas to assess your church; and an update from Peter Sung, who preached here last year and is now the Covenant Director of Church Planting.

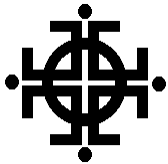
Covenant World Relief Funds are already at work helping victims of the earthquakes that recently devastated Indonesia. Within hours of the second earthquake to strike Sumatra, World Relief workers were in the area to assess the situation and make plans for providing assistance. Conditions remain difficult. Telecommunications, power and other vital services have been affected and some roads remain cutoff. Help CWR replenish the emergency funds already being used and provide further aid by taking a "Sup Can" bank from the credenza and using it gratefully and generously every day.

THE 2009 CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 2 PM. If you can help us to coordinate our participation in this multi-congregational community-wide effort to meet human needs around the word, or if you want to begin your own fund raising as a walker this year, please speak to Mary Hamilton or Pastor Benson today.

Get Connected with Covenant Newswire – this free service delivers the latest news from Covenant Churches around the world to your home or office in a single daily email. It's a great way to keep informed about what's happening among the mission friends. To sign up, visit the Covenant Web Page (www.covchurch.org) and click on the Newswire button.

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.



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

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 7, 2009; Rob Ericson, Chair.

+ New council members were welcomed: Martha Reitman (Worship and Music); Betty Sloat (Christian Formation)

+ Pastor Benson made a report on his plans for retirement from CCC on June 30, 2010, and for their move to New England. He and Sandy will be on Vacation in the Midwest in early November. Ruth Correll is preaching on Nov. 8 and Doug Thorpe on the 15th.

+ Financial Reports: Good

+ Shall we lease some of our property to Clearwire for the construction of a wireless communication tower? No.

+ The annual combined service and fellowship meal with Peniel Presbyterian will be held on Sunday, Jan. 10 rather than on the Sunday before Thanksgiving as in other years. Pastor Steve Eun is also planning to retire in 2010.

+ In the absence of newly elected fellowship chair Julie Fann, the council will be planning this year's Christmas Dinner, scheduled for Sat. Dec. 12.

+ Covenant East Coast Conference Superintendent Howard Burgoyne will meet with the council on Wednesday, October 28, to begin the work of forming a pastoral search committee (5-9 members representing a cross section of the congregation. If you have questions or suggestions about this, please talk to Rob or another Council member).