

December 5, 2010 – 11:00 AM

Welcome

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

Prelude

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle Amy, Nelson and Kari

*Call to Worship

Leader: Watch! Wait! The day of God is at hand!

All: Like the bud on a tree, God's promises are about to blossom!

Leader: Stay awake! The reign of God is very near!

**All: May God bring justice to all people on this day. May God's
reign come on earth as in heaven. We are here, watching and
waiting with hope**

*Opening Prayer

*Praising the Lord in Music

Lift Up Your Heads #33
Come, You People of the Promise #130

Invitation to Confession/Words of Assurance

The Lord's Prayer

(L: May the peace of Christ be with you/A: **And also with you.**)

New Testament Scripture Readings: Bud Clark, Reader
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

*Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry #133

Life Together and Announcements

Prayers of the Family of God.

Sharing our Resources:

Offertory

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

Hymn #48

*Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #126

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Sermon Series: "The Hope of 'Living Between the Slats'" part 1

Sermon

Rev. Earl E. Dunbar

Hope Brings Life

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Closing Hymn

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #135

*Benediction

*Those who are able please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: None Scheduled
Ushers: Bud Clark
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery/Assistant: None Scheduled
Snack: The Reitmans
Sound Technician: Tim Strunk
Communion Prep: The Seguins

SERVING NEXT WEEK: December 12

Greeters: To Be Announced
Ushers: To Be Announced
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery/Assistant: Claire Bentley
Snack: The Sloats
Sound Technician: To Be Announced

Birthdays and Anniversaries This week

Thursday Ed Doyle
Friday Per Kullstam
Saturday Anna Bentley
Sunday Christina Coussa

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
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study In the church kitchen
Saturday, Dec 11	5:30 PM	Christmas Party
Sunday, December 12		
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 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

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.

PASTOR EARL: will be in the church office most weeks from Monday-Thursday. You can reach him by calling either at the parsonage or church office. You can also reach him on Fridays in the church office in emergency situations. In emergencies, you can also reach Pastor Earl on his cell phone at: (603) 568-3357. Until we have the on-line community up and running, you can reach him via e-mail at: eedunbar@aol.com.

TELL ME YOUR STORY: Pastor Earl would love to get together with you and hear your story: how you came to Northern Virginia, how you came to Community Covenant, how you came to know Jesus as Savior (if applicable), and anything else you wish to tell. We can meet for a meal, a cup of tea/coffee/soda, dessert, or whatever. See Pastor Earl to arrange a time.

Contributions to the Outdoor Sign accepted. Please leave ideas on the homepage, for any important thoughts that can be used on the sign every week. Thanks.

The pick-up choir will be rehearsing TODAY at 12:15 and performing next Sunday, December 12. All voices and abilities are welcome.

It is time to order poinsettias for Christmas. Please sign up on the table outside of the sanctuary if you are interested

STARTING DECEMBER 12 - PASTRY AND PRAYER! You are invited to join together for pastry and prayer with Pastor Earl. The doors will open at 8:45 for a time of prayer for our Sunday School, our morning's worship, and for our church. Special things happen when the community of faith gathers to pray. And, there's pastry! We'll meet in the kitchen. If you have a suggestion of a good bakery nearby the church, please see Pastor Earl after worship today.

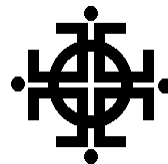
ON-LINE COMMUNITY: In the next two weeks we'll be setting up an on-line community so that church attenders and members can communicate with each other and the pastor. This community will be used for prayer requests, church news, and preparation for Sunday worship. If you have had any changes in your e-mail address since the last church directory, please e-mail Aaron Knowles or Pastor Earl as soon as possible.

A volunteer sign up sheet for the holiday season is on the table outside the sanctuary. Please let us know when and where you can volunteer. All help is appreciated!

The Church Profile is on the website. You can take a look at 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.

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

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Series: "The Hope of Living 'Between the Slats'"

Sermon: "Hope Brings Life"

Text: Isaiah 11:1-10

Good News: There's Life in Looking Beyond the Obvious

Today let us look at the training we need to "look between the slats"
this Advent season.

I. To See "Glimpses of Glory" (vs. 1-5)

II. To See Evidences of Life "as it should be" (vs. 6-10)

Questions for Application:

As you come to the table this morning, what part of the Christmas season most frustrates you? _____ In other words, what aspect of Christmas tends to get your eyes only on the obvious?

_____ Do you need more training in seeing Glimpses of Glory or Life the way it should be? _____

For what are you thankful and for what do you need help from God this morning? _____