

Worship Service - December 19, 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 Amy Ackerberg-Hastings

*Angels from the Realms of Glory/ Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
Arr. Wolaver

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle The Sloat and Mjelde Families

\*Call to Worship/ Opening Hymn

#143 Wait for the Lord (sung 3x)

\*Opening Prayer

Invitation to Confession/Words of Assurance

The Lord's Prayer (Trespases)  
(L: May the peace of Christ be with you/**A: And also with you.**)

Scripture Readings: Bud Clark, Reader  
Isaiah 7:10-16  
Romans 1:1-7

\*Hymn

#145 *My Soul Proclaims With Wonder*

Life Together and Announcements

Prayers of the Family of God.

Sharing our Resources:

Offertory *Angels We Have Heard on High*  
\*Doxology #48 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
\*Offering Prayer

\*Hymn

#127 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon Series: "The Hope of Looking Between the Slats" part 3

Sermon

Rev. Earl E. Dunbar

**The Courage of Hope**

\*Closing Hymn

#170 *The Hands that First Held Mary's Child*

\*Benediction

\*Those who are able please stand.

## SERVING TODAY

Greeters: None Scheduled  
Ushers: Aaron Knowles  
Reader: Bud Clark  
Nursery/Assistant: Kathy Knowles  
Snack: Claire Bentley  
Sound Technician: None Scheduled

## SERVING NEXT WEEK: December 26

Greeters: To Be Announced  
Ushers: Aaron Knowles  
Reader: Liz Reitman  
Nursery/Assistant: Martha Reitman  
Snack: Claire Bentley  
Sound Technician: To Be Announced

## Birthdays and Anniversaries This week

Monday Sarah Ericson  
Saturday Jesus, Svea Southall

## 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

*Celebrating our 38<sup>th</sup> year of Ministry*

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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

<b>Today</b>	8:45 AM	Pastry and Prayer
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study In the church kitchen
<b>Friday, December 24</b>	10:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
<b>Sunday, December 26</b>		No Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Pastry and Prayer
	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

**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](mailto: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.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** Come for a candlelight service of lessons and carols. We'll also be reading a story for the children. Please join us and bring a friend.

**PASTRY AND PRAYER** - You are invited to join together Sunday mornings for 25 minutes of pastry and prayer with Pastor Earl. We'll pray for our Sunday School, Morning Worship, Pastoral Search, and any other major church/community needs. Special things happen when the community of faith gathers to pray. And, there's pastry! We'll meet at the following times: Dec. 26/Jan. 2 – 10:15, Jan. 9-30 – 8:45. This is an informal time so please join us anytime you can during this 25 minute period to join together and pray (and eat Pastry)

**Poinsettias:** This is the LAST day to order Poinsettias for Christmas. Please sign up at the table outside the sanctuary.

**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.

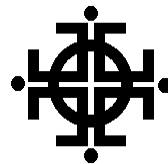
**ON-LINE COMMUNITY:** Our online community is now up and running. If you did not receive an e-mail from "cccpastor" this week and would like to be on our e-mail community list, please write down your e-mail address on the Home Page in the bulletin and place it in the collection plate.

**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!

**VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TRAEDEER:** If you are interested in being part of a group to see this new movie, please see Pastor Earl. Perhaps we can get a group together during the week between Christmas and New Years.

**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)*

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Series: "Living Between the Slats"

Sermon: "The Courage of Hope"

Text: Matthew 1:18-25

Main Idea: God is Ready to Give You Courage to Live Between the Slats

Today we are going to see the process of building courage in followers of Christ

I. Courage Starts with a First and Daily Step of Trust (vs. 18-19)

II. Courage is Strengthened by Listening to God (vs. 20-21)

III. Courage is Cemented through Linking Agreement and Action (Vs. 22-25)

Questions for Application:

What step of trust (including trusting Christ as your Savior) is God asking you to take? \_\_\_\_\_

What is God saying about this step? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it consistent with God's Word? \_\_\_\_\_

How have you unhooked Agreement and Action?

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What can you ask of God this morning? \_\_\_\_\_