

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Laity Sunday, October 14, 2007 – 11:00 AM

Welcome Gordon Sloat

*Hymn # 495

Prelude Becky Ericson, Pianist

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

*Call to Worship: Psalm 66:5-12, 16-20 Hymnal #812

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

Rev. Doug Thorpe

Hymn #324

NEXT DAY PEOPLE

Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy

*Hymn # 473

Scripture Readings Jim Hamilton, Reader

Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

2 Timothy 2:8-15

*Benediction

A Recognition of the Ministry of the Laity

*Postlude

*Those who are able please stand.

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

+Children ages 3 – Grade 4 are dismissed for Junior JAMBoree+

Offering

*Hymn #108, Stanza 4

Sing Praise to the Father

*Prayer of Dedication

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 the offering today. The offering is an opportunity to share financially in the ministries and mission of our congregation. If you're a visitor or a newcomer, please feel no obligation about this. Nursery care for children up to the age of 5 is available downstairs.

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Our mission as a congregation is calling people from the 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
	5:00 PM	Youth Group
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study "Living Passionately for Christ"
Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School Classes for all ages
Oct. 21		Adults: A Workshop led by Doug Thorpe "Parables as Keys to Healthy Relationships" Session 3 – Parables or Surprising Reversal Resentment, Relationship Poison & Cure
	11:00 AM	Worship Service

Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday:

Jeremiah 31:27-34	The days are surely coming
Psalms 121	A song of ascents
2 Timothy 3:14:-4:5	All scripture is inspired by God
Luke 18:1-8	Will he find faith on earth?

Pastor Benson is on his way home today. He and Sandy have been in Connecticut this past week. Preaching today is one of our favorite substitute preachers, Doug Thorpe.

It's Cider Time! Boy Scout Troop 1853 is now selling cider. Along with Fresh Apple Cider in full and half gallon jugs, Sparkling cider is also available in a variety of flavors. Please place your orders on the forms on the table outside the sanctuary. You may pay now or when your order is filled.

A Report from Troop 1853: 31 people from the Troop (24 of them scouts) worked from 8:45 to noon alongside 6 people from the church. The scouts logged a total of 63 combined hours working on the church property. Work done included major yard work and cleaning (including the dome on top of the building). We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of the Scouts of Troop 1853, their leaders and their families!

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group - Youth Group tonight from 5:00 to 6:45. The group is led by Jim Hamilton and is open to all Middle and Senior High students. For more information, contact Kathy Knowles in the Church Office or listen to the "Youth Ministry Hotline" at 703-455-4150. Guests are always welcome to join in. Our next meeting is October 28th.

The Youth Group is sponsoring a Child through Compassion International. His name is Yohannes, and he lives in Indonesia. \$40 per month has been pledged by the Youth to help support this five-year-old boy. The donations box has been placed on the credenza with information on Yohannes in the information holder. Members of the Youth Group should place their donations in the box as they have them. Donations received above the \$40 target will be kept in the account until Yohannes' birthday in October and for Christmas.



Get out those Pie Recipes! It's Pie Social time – Saturday, November 6th. Bring a pie or an appetite for pie. For more information, please speak to Shelley.



It's Casserole Time again. We need five casseroles to bring to Rising Hope Mission Church this month. A sign-up sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary. Please bring in your casserole as soon as possible and place it in the freezer.

CROP WALK! It's scheduled for Sunday, November 18th, right after church. Please see Mary for the forms, if you are interested in this relaxing, wonderful fellowship time.

The World Relief Banks are on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. Put it on your kitchen table as a reminder to share what we have with those who are in need. The World Relief Theme this year is “You Can Make a Difference – We Can Make a Change.”

Join in our “Above and Beyond” stewardship campaign for Covenant World Missions. Look over the bulletin boards in the back of the sanctuary, read the brochure “Strong and Crazy for Christ,” and make a contribution or a pledge today, using the envelopes provided on the credenza. You may put the envelope in the basket or in the offering. Our goal is to raise \$6,000 beyond our budget for Covenant World Missions by the end of the year. So far \$3,200 has been raised.

Life is No Picnic for many, even in a prosperous area like Northern Virginia. Remember what Jesus said about being hungry, and bring some canned goods for the food pantry at ECHO when you come to worship him on Sunday. Put them in the picnic basket by the hymnal rack.



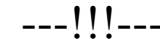
The Women's Bible Study has chosen their study for this year: Living Passionately for Christ by Cass Monaco - A Bible study on the book of Philippians. Join them in the kitchen each Tuesday morning at 9:45.



In the Covenant Companion – “A Preacher Walks into a Pub” – Covenant Pastor Jim Black reflects on listening to God in unexpected places. Also a report from Triennial XII. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310, or you can subscribe online at www.covechurch.org/communications. Subscriptions are \$19.95 a year.



How to Contact Pastor Benson – You may contact him in his office at church – 703-455-4150. The church's e-mail address is communitycovenant@verizon.net. Prayer requests and other matters can also be brought to his attention by using the Home Page insert in the bulletin. Don't hesitate to get in touch when you, or someone in your family, is hospitalized, facing surgery, or in need of pastoral care.



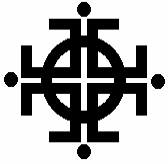
New Guidelines for Labels to save for the Education Program at the Covenant Home in Cromwell have been developed and are in the basket on the coffee table where labels are gathered. Take a copy home and post it on your refrigerator.



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.

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Have You Forgotten the Buddy Board? There are many people available and willing to do a variety of things for you. Please take a look at the bulletin board above the hymnal shelf to see who's volunteering for what. If you would like to place your name on the board and volunteer, please do!



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 being united in Christ. Then four different people, joined to one another, reach out to the world in love.

The Covenant Web Page: www.covechurch.org

A Covenant Affirmation: We affirm the necessity of the new birth, which means committing ourselves to Christ and receiving forgiveness, acceptance and eternal life. It means being alive in Christ, and this life has the qualities of love and righteousness, joy and peace. We also affirm that growing to maturity in Christ is a lifelong process.