

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, October 18, 2009 – 11AM

“One aspect of *world* that I have been able to identify as harmful to Christians is the assumption that anything worthwhile can be acquired at once.”

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

Postlude of Faith – arr. Wyrzten

*Call to Worship Psalm 104:25,37b

*Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In Wisdom you have made them all;
The earth is filled with your creatures.*

People: Hallelujah!

*Hymn 9

O Mighty God, When I Behold the Wonder

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Mark 10:35-45 Sandra Benson, Reader

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

Reception of New Members:

Lisa Ann Abranchess, Rich Newberg, Ginny Newberg

Congregational Response: Hymnal No. 948

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 (Insert)

“Are Ye Able?” Said the Master

Sermon

Job 38:1-7

THE WAY GOD ANSWERS OUR QUESTIONS

*Hymn 710

We Are Part of God's Creation

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK: October 25

Greeter: Carl & Rose Rodgers
Ushers: Paul Seguin
Reader: Kristin Karlson
Nursery/Assistant: Kathy Knowles/Shira Enstrom
Sound Tech: None Scheduled
Snack: None Scheduled

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Thursday Robert Knowles, Thomas Grimord
Friday Tom & Shelley Connelie, Andrea Hamilton

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
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
Saturday	Afternoon	Bob Ericson's Eagle Project Phase 1 – The Foundations

Next Sunday, October 25

9:30 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship Service
12:15 PM	Christmas Party planning lunch (You are invited)

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 42:1-6,10-17	Job's fortunes are restored
Hebrews 7:23-28	Jesus is able to save
Mark 10:46-52	The faith of Bartimaeus

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!

Thanks to everyone who donated goodies and shipping costs toward our "Package From Home" mailout to college students. We mailed 10 boxes, and had enough donations to cover 7 of them. I'm sure our college students are grateful to be remembered by those at home.

In the Covenant Companion: "When Self Takes Center Stage" – Karl Clifton-Soderstrom explores the folly of pride and the virtue of wisdom. "The problem of course, is not in making my religious faith personal to me and my story. The problem is the temptation to make the Christian life ultimately about me and not about the Creator.". 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 18, 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 Church Council needs your help to plan for our Christmas decorating /party/dinner/program on Sat. Dec. 12. Join them in the kitchen next Sunday, Oct. 25, after the service for lunch and planning. Talk to Rob Ericson if you have questions or suggestions.

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 in Benitu, Sudan, where 2 new school buildings as well as 5 additional new classrooms have been built at Good Hope Basic School. \$100,000 was gathered for this project by young people who attended CHIC this summer. Follow the good example set by our teenagers by picking up a "Soup Can" bank from the credenza and using it gratefully and generously every day.

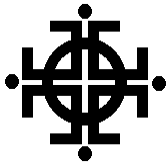
THE 2009 CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 2 PM. If you can help us to coordinate our participation in this multi-congregational community-wide effort to meet human needs around the word, or if you want to begin your own fund raising as a walker this year, please speak to Mary Hamilton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

An agent of a wireless broadband company, Clearwire Communications, approached the church to lease part of the property to install a tower and equipment. At the church Council meeting on Wednesday, October 7, the council decided NOT to move forward with the proposed lease. Please see Mark Enstrom or any council member if you would like more details.

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

Sing With Understanding
-notes about today's hymns-

O Mighty God – According to my records, we've sung the familiar version of this hymn, "How Great Thou Art," quite often. Today we're singing an English translation of the Swedish original, written by Covenanter Carl Boberg in the summer of 1885.

Are Ye Able? – I had to go back to the old red hymnal to find this one. Loosely based on the Gospel for today, this rousing number captures the enthusiasm of the disciples who are confident not in themselves but in the Lord.

We Are Part of God's Creation – A new text for the beautiful "Vesper Hymn," this song was written by Covenanter, Brian Jeffery Leech. Recently honored for his musical compositions by the National Association of Church Musicians, Leech commented, "My piano teacher dropped me when I was 11, giving me the impression that I was not musically adept. So here I am at nearly 80 years old, and you've given me proof that maybe she was wrong."