

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Reformation Sunday,
October 28, 2007 – 11:00 AM

Believing in God means getting down on your knees.

Martin Luther

Welcome Rev. John Benson

Prelude Sandy Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

Voluntary on Psalm 67:7 – D. Wagner

*Call to Worship From Psalm 65

Leader: O God, it is right for us to praise you -

People: When people come to you, prayers are answered.

Leader: Though our hearts are filled with sins, you forgive them all!

People: You are the hope of everyone on earth, O God our Savior.

Leader: You silence the roaring seas and the turmoil of the nations.

People: The gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

Leader: You visit the earth and water it with rain.

People: You crown the year with a bountiful harvest.

Leader: Everything shouts and sings for joy.

*Hymn #653 *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

*Prayer of Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

*Beloved, like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my God.
I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste.*

Song of Solomon 2:3

First Lesson Joel 2:23-32 Liz Reitman, Reader

Second Lesson 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

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

Offertory

*Hymn #108, Stanza 4 *Sing Praise to the Father*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #601 *There Shall Be Showers of Blessing*

Sermon Luke 18:9-14

JUSTIFIED!

Affirmation of Faith Hymnal #884

Luther's Explanation of the Apostles' Creed

*Hymn #359 *All My Sins Have Been Forgiven*

*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 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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Celebrating our 35th Year of Ministry

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SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Carl Rodgers
Ushers: Gordon Sloat & Bud Clark
Nursery: Martha Reitman
Candle Lighter: Thomas Connelie
Snack: The Seguins

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.

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

Greeter: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Jared Connelie & Lydiya Badassa
Reader: Kristin Karlson
Communion Prep: The Hastings
Nursery: Kathy & Aaron Knowles
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled
Snack: Bud Clark

This Week

Today 9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:15 PM Christian Formation Meeting
5:00 PM Youth Group
Tuesday 9:45 AM Women’s Bible Study
“Living Passionately for Christ”
Saturday 6:30 PM Pie Social – Eat Pie, Enjoy Fellowship
See the enclosed flyer for details

Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday:

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 The early and later rain
Psalm 149 God’s pleasure in his people
Ephesians 1:11-34 His inheritance in the saints
Luke 6:20-31 The Beatitudes

November 4 is All Saints Sunday (Daylight Savings Time ends)

9:30 AM Sunday School Classes for all ages
11:00 AM Celebration of Holy Communion
No Youth Group

Birthdays & Anniversaries being celebrated this week:

Tuesday Pastor John
Wednesday Betty Sloat
Saturday Becky Ericson
Sunday Mary Hamilton

A note about next Sunday – *As we celebrate Communion, we will join in a prayer of thanksgiving “for all the saints.” In this prayer there is an opportunity for you to call out the names of those you wish to remember: “God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who, having witnessed to you on earth, now live with you in heaven, remembering especially before you (name). Keep us in fellowship with them until we meet with all the faithful in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*



The First Cider Order has been delivered. Please pick up your order by the table outside the sanctuary. Payment can be placed in the envelope provided or given to Kathy. For those of you who have not yet placed an order, the forms for the November delivery are on the table outside the sanctuary. You may pay now or when your order is filled.

Events for Young Adult Fellowship (career, singles, young marrieds, etc.):

On Saturday, November 17, please join us for a hike through Theodore Roosevelt Island Park. This event is family friendly and dog friendly, too. We will meet at the Park's parking lot at 10:30 AM and hike from there. Please contact Kristin Karlson at 703-455-321- to RSVP and for more information.

On Saturday, December 1, the Young Adult Fellowship will be touring Mount Vernon by "Candlelight." There are still a few tickets left for this event. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Shelley Connelie at 703-493-8196.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group - Youth Group meets this evening 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 November 11th.

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 Yohanes 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.



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

Covenant World Missions Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY



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.

Casseroles for Rising Hope Mission Church will be delivered this coming Wednesday. Please bring your casseroles in and place them in the refrigerator as soon as possible.

The World Relief Banks are on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. Put one 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.



In the Covenant Companion – “A Good Funeral” – Al Tauber and his wife, Andi, tell a story of prostitution, drug abuse, and the overwhelming power of God’s love. 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.

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The Directories are Done – they are located on the table outside the sanctuary. Please take one. If you are in need of more than one copy, or you need to make changes, please see Kathy.



How to Contact Pastor Benson – You can call him at home, where he maintains an office, at any time – 703-451-6624. His e-mail address is johnsbenson@hotmail.com. Or 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.



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.

Remember, other groups regularly use this building. If you are planning an activity, remember to check the complete calendar in the church office. Please speak to Kathy Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling any event. (Call 703-455-4150 or 703-425-5633.) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

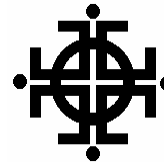
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New Guidelines for Labels to save for the Education Program at the Covenant Home in Cromwell have been developed and are in the basket on the coffee table where labels are gathered. Take a copy home and post it on your refrigerator.

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 two food pantries we support – ECHO (in the basket on the table by the sanctuary door) and RISING HOPE (in the plastic container under the table).



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 are a Reformation Church. We stand in the mainstream of a church renewal movement of the 16th century called the Protestant Reformation. Especially important is the belief that we are saved by God’s grace alone, through faith alone, not by anything that we can do.