

Worship Service - January 2, 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

*Call to Worship

Leader: He was born in a stable

**All: But at his birth angels sang, plain folk worshipped, and
kings paid homage**

Leader: He grew up in obscurity and lived a life of love and died a
death of shame

**All: But the life he lived was for our instruction; the death he
died was for our redemption.**

Leader: Death's dark womb could not hold him.

All: On Easter day he was born anew

Leader: Lord, be born anew this Christmas:

All: In me, in you, in us. Amen

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn Medley

#195 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

#194 *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

Confession/Words of Assurance

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 147:12-20

Bud Clark, Reader

Announcements

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

*Hymn

Mary's Child (On projector)

Prayer for the New Year/Covenant Renewal Prayer by John Wesley
(in Unison)

“I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

**Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.**

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

**I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.**

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”

Scripture Reading: John 1:10-18

Sermon Series: “Look at What Else is Under the Tree” part 2

Sermon: “The Gift of Both/And”

Rev. Earl E. Dunbar

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Invitation to the table

*Words of Institution

*Prayer for Bread and Cup

Sharing Bread and Cup (you will be dismissed by sections to come forward
to take the bread and cup. If you need assistance/or would like to take communion
from your seat, please speak to an usher.)

*Closing Hymn

#184 *God's Love Made Visible*

*Benediction

*Those who are able please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: None Scheduled
Ushers: None Scheduled
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery/Assistant: None Scheduled
Snack: None Scheduled
Sound Technician: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK: January 9

Greeters: To Be Announced
Ushers: To Be Announced
Reader: To Be Announced
Nursery/Assistant: To Be Announced
Snack: To Be Announced
Sound Technician: To Be Announced

Birthdays and Anniversaries This week

Monday Russ Dumas
Tuesday Keith Danielson
Thursday Alyssa Newberg, Renee Kalis
Next Sunday Tom Shimkin

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	10:15 AM	Pastry and Prayer
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:30 PM	Christian Formation Committee Meeting
Tuesday		Women's Bible Study in kitchen
Saturday, Jan. 8	4:30 PM	Church Potluck to meet candidates
Sunday, Jan. 9		
	8:45 AM	Pastry and Prayer
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	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 office this week from Monday-Wednesday, January 3-5. He will be in New Hampshire from Jan. 6-15 and will return on Jan. 16. If there is an emergency, please contact Church Chair Rob Ericson (703-503-3297) and he will contact Pastor Earl.

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.

CANDIDATE WEEKEND: After much deliberation and prayer, the Search Committee has extended an offer of candidacy to a pastoral couple for January 8th – 9th. Now it's time for the church to meet the candidates and decide if they are a good fit for the church. We have scheduled a pot luck dinner on Saturday the 8th at 4:30 to meet the candidates in a less formal setting. We will begin with some "ice breakers" to get to know each other, then a pot luck dinner followed by a time to ask the candidates any questions you might have. We plan to conclude at 7:00/7:30. Please bring a dish to share. On Sunday the 9th, the candidates will be teaching adult Sunday School and will lead the worship service. Please be sure to attend on the 9th to meet the candidates, learn more about them, and then prayerfully consider them as our new pastors.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a congregational meeting on Saturday, January 15, 2011, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the sanctuary to discuss and vote on our pastoral candidates. Though only members may vote, all are welcome to join in the discussion

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: Jan. 9 and 16 – 8:45. Beginning Jan. 23 Pastry and Prayer will move to 9:00 AM. 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)

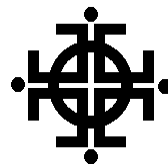
Contributions to the Outdoor Sign accepted. Please leave ideas on the homepage, for any important thoughts that can be used on the sign every week. Thanks.

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!

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 Outline:

Sermon Series: "Look At What Else is Under the Tree"

Sermon: "The Gift of Both/And"

Text: John 1:10-18

Main Idea: You are Offered the Greatest Gift, Wrapped as Fully Human and Fully Divine.

We will see today the reasons we tend to refuse this gift.

I. I Don't See the Relevance (vs.9-13)

II. I Am Looking for Something Else (vs.14)

III. I Miss the Blessing of the Gift (Vs.15-18)

Questions for Application:

What reason do you have for either rejecting or ignoring the power of the gift of Jesus? _____

How do you think your 2011 would be different if you were to fully receive daily this gift of Jesus? _____

What is one way the Lord may want you to receive this gift daily? _____
