

February 27, 2011 – 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

\*Call to Worship

*Be Not Afraid*

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymns

*#58 I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
Majesty*

Time of Confession/Words of Assurance

Scripture Readings:  
Hebrews 12:1-3  
II Timothy 2:22-25

Announcements

Offering

Offertory  
\*Doxology  
\*Offering Prayer

\*Hymn

*#379 Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult*  
(Children dismissed for Children's Church)

Prayers of the Family

Scripture Reading  
Matthew 10:17-31

Sermon Series

"I Will Never Leave You" Part 5

Sermon

Rev. Earl E. Dunbar

**WHEN WE MEET OPPOSITION**

\*Closing Hymn

*#608 God of Grace and God of Glory*

\*Benediction

\*Those who are able please stand.

## SERVING TODAY

Greeters: None Scheduled  
Ushers: Carl Rodgers  
Reader: Lynda Seguin  
Nursery/Assistant: Mary Hamilton & Dustin Knowles  
Snack: None Scheduled  
Sound Technician: Rob Ericson

## SERVING NEXT WEEK: March 6

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

Today Dru Dumas  
Monday Rebecca Cameron  
Wednesday Ginny Sokolowski  
Friday Katja Shimkin, Meredith Coussa

## 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>	9:00 AM	Pastry and Prayer
	9:30 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
Tue. Mar. 1	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study in kitchen
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting/ Pastoral Transition Team Meeting (at Parsonage)
Sun. Mar. 6	9:00 AM	Pastry and Prayer
	9:30 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Communion)

**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. You can now reach him via e-mail at: [cccpastor@verizon.net](mailto:cccpastor@verizon.net)

**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.

**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, and any other major church/community needs. Special things happen when the community of faith gathers to pray. And, there's pastry! Pastry and Prayer will start at 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)

**IF YOU NEED TO PAY FOR YOUR GEORGE MASON BASKETBALL TICKETS:** Please put a check in the offering plate as soon as you are able. You can make the check out to the church and put "GMU Basketball" on the memo line.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE?** If you would like to have an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 9, please let Pastor Earl know. We need to plan one in the upcoming week if we are to have a service.

**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.

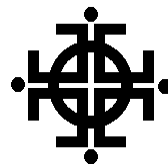
#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT COMMUNITY COVENANT:**

Please plan on joining us and this space for more information:

- MAR. 27 – This will be Pastor Earl's last Sunday with us. Watch for more news about a pizza party and a "help pack the office" party that will happen on this day. Watch for news on when we need your help to pack up the parsonage during the week.
- APR. 3 – The First Sunday for our new pastors: Rev. Ryan and Devyn Chambers Johnson. This will be a service marked mainly by music, prayer, and communion.
- APR. 10 – Installation Sunday for our new pastors. This will be held mid-late afternoon. Watch for more details. There will also be a catered meal on this day.
- APR. 24 – EASTER SUNDAY

**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 Series: "I Will Never Leave You"

Sermon: "Living in the Tension"

Good News: Do not be afraid to live authentically for Christ in life's tug-of-war

Today we will look at the assurances we can receive from Jesus to live authentically for Him even when we face the tension of dealing with opposition.

I. Don't Worry About What You Will Do In the Moment (vs. 17-20)

II. Don't Think I Misunderstand the Pain of Suffering (vs. 21-25)

III. Don't Believe You are Worthless (vs. 26-31)

Questions for Application:

How do you usually respond when placed in opposition to others? Do you more likely fear the Christian stereotype or ignore it?

\_\_\_\_\_ What assurance from Christ do you most want to receive this morning? \_\_\_\_\_ Does it come with anything you need to confess? \_\_\_\_\_ What situation may you use this in the next week? \_\_\_\_\_

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