

March 6, 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

*Hymn

#98 *The Steadfast Love*

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 85 (822 with musical response)
Philippians 4:4-7

Announcements

Offering

Offertory
*Doxology
*Offering Prayer

*Hymn

#226 *What Wondrous Love is This?*

Prayers of the Family/Lord's Prayer (Trespases)

Scripture Reading
John 14:22-31

Sermon Series "I Will Never Leave You" Part 6

Sermon Rev. Earl E. Dunbar

THE DARK CAVERNS OF GRIEF

Time of Confession/Words of Assurance

Service of Holy Communion

*Hymn: *Jesus*
*Invitation to the Table
*Affirmation of Faith: #883 Nicene Creed
Prayer for Bread and Cup
*Sharing Bread and Cup

(You are invited to come forward when your side is called. You may take grapes as a sign and hope of receiving the blessing of fruitfulness from the Lord.)

*Closing Hymn

#472 *Now, Anxious Heart, Awake from Your Sadness*

*Benediction

*Those who are able please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: None Scheduled
Reader: Carl Rodgers
Nursery/Assistant: None Scheduled
Snack: None Scheduled
Sound Technician: Jim Hamilton
Communion Prep: Betty Sloat

SERVING NEXT WEEK: March 13

Greeters: None Scheduled
Ushers: To Be Announced
Reader: Amy Ackerberg-Hastings
Nursery/Assistant: Betty Sloat & Dustin Knowles
Snack: To Be Announced
Sound Technician: David Reitman

Birthdays and Anniversaries This week

Wednesday Gordon Sloat
Friday Rose Rodgers
Next Sunday Badassa

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	9:00 AM	Pastry and Prayer
	9:30 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
Tue. Mar. 8	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study in kitchen
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting/ Pastoral Transition Team Meeting (at Parsonage)
Sun. Mar. 13	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

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: Anyone who would like to attend an Ash Wednesday service at a local church this Wednesday night, please contact Pastor Earl by phone or e-mail.

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.

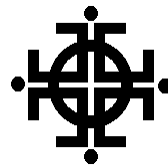
UPCOMING EVENTS AT COMMUNITY COVENANT:

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 on that day and a "help pack the office" party which will occur on a separate day (to be announced). Watch for news on when we need your help to pack up the parsonage during this 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.

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

OUTLINE:

Sermon Series: "I Will Never Leave You"

Sermon: "The Dark Caverns of Grief"

Text: John 14:22-31

Good News: Jesus says, "Don't be afraid of grief, for I fill the emptiness."

Today we will look at the destruction grief can leave and the hope that only Jesus provides by offering Himself to us.

I. Grief Leaves Us Abandoned (vs. 22-24)

- We share in deep relationship with the Trinity

II. Grief Leaves Us Forgetful (vs. 25-27)

- The Counselor reminds, teaches, and gives peace

III. Grief Leaves Us Defeated (vs. 28-31)

- "Where O death is your victory? Where O death is your sting?"

Questions for Application:

What grief may you be experiencing now? Pay close attention to an area of grief that is, basically, disillusionment. _____

How does grief usually leave you? _____

What gift do you wish to receive today? _____

What gift could our church use and how can you help bring Christ's gift? _____