

March 13, 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: *Lina Sandell Medley* Dorothy Anderson, Pianist

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Search us, O God, and know our hearts;

**All: Try us, and know our thoughts!**

Leader: O Lord, you have searched us and known us,

**All: Even before a word is on our tongues, O Lord, you know it completely.**

Leader: Remind us, Father, that we cannot, and there is no need, to hide from you.

**All: And your love, revealed fully in Jesus, our Savior, is faithful and everlasting, Amen.**

\*Hymn

#68 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\*Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 34:1-7

Romans 5:12-21

Time of Confession

Singing the Words of Assurance

#356 *As the East is from the West*

Announcements

Offering

Offertory: *What Wondrous Love is This?* Bill Anderson, Tim Strunk

\*Doxology

\*Offering Prayer

\*Hymn

#341 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*  
(Children are dismissed for Children's Church)

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

Scripture Reading

John 8:2-11

Sermon Series "The Three Gifts You Can Give Your Pastor" Part 1

Sermon

Rev. Earl E. Dunbar

**THE GIFT OF GRACE**

\*Closing Hymn

#350 *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

\*Benediction

\*Those who are able please stand.

## SERVING TODAY

Greeters: None Scheduled  
Ushers: Bud Clark  
Reader: None Scheduled  
Nursery/Assistant: Betty Sloat & Dustin Knowles  
Snack: None Scheduled  
Sound Technician: David Hamilton

## SERVING NEXT WEEK: March 20

Greeters: Carl & Rose Rodgers  
Ushers: Paul Seguin  
Reader: Lisa Ann Carroll  
Nursery/Assistant: Claire Bentley & Dustin Knowles  
Snack: To Be Announced  
Sound Technician: Gordon Sloat

## Birthdays and Anniversaries This week

Today Badassa  
Monday Judy Butler  
Tuesday Kathy Knowles  
Wednesday Nelson Hastings  
Friday Mary & Jim 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

## 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. 15	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study in kitchen
Sun. Mar. 20	9:00 AM	Pastry and Prayer
	9:30 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Communion)
	3:30 PM	Packing up Office

**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.

**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.

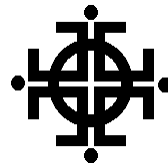
#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT COMMUNITY COVENANT:**

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

- MAR. 20/21 – 3:30 PM (20<sup>th</sup>), 5:30 PM (21<sup>st</sup> if necessary) – Pastor Earl invites you to help him pack up the office. On Sunday we will finish at 5:30. If we need more time, we will meet at 5:30 on Monday. We need 4-6 people to come help get Pastor Earl's office books back to the parsonage. Pastor Earl will furnish dessert! Please sign up today.
- MAR. 27 – This will be Pastor Earl's last Sunday with us. 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM: OPEN HOUSE GOODBYE PARTY at the parsonage. We will have pizza, salad, and dessert at the parsonage. You are invited to come and also claim or tag things (for goodwill) you have donated to the parsonage in the past. Please see Lynda Seguin if you would like to participate in ordering pizza, or bringing salad/dessert.
- MAR. 28 – 5:30 PM. We need 4-8 people who can come to help Pastor Earl load up the moving truck. Please see Pastor Earl.
- 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. Tentative time for the Installation Service is 5:00 PM. A furnished meal will follow the service. Our conference superintendent, Howard Burgoyne, will be leading the service.

**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: "The Gift of Grace"

Text: John 8:2-11

Good News: Bring Your Pastor the Gift of Grace and Lives can be Changed!

Today we'll look at the byproducts of grace when properly given each other.

I. Grace Gives the Power to be Authentic (vs. 2-7)

II. Grace Gives the Power to Release and Renew (vs. 8-11)

Questions for Application:

Who in your life needs the gift of grace? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the next step in offering that gift? \_\_\_\_\_

What by-product are you most excited about seeing in our church as grace is given? \_\_\_\_\_

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