

March 20, 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: *Via Dolorosa* arr. Dick Tunney Amy Ackerberg-Hastings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Drawn toward the holy, searching for the heart's true song.

All: Looking for a word that is true.

Leader: Here and now, we are found by God's grace and embraced
with God's love.

**All: Now we can stand on solid ground in the midst of shifting
sands.**

Leader We can sing in the dark,

All: We can dance on thin ice!

Leader: Laugh in the rain,

All: Believe through the pain!

Leader: We can walk toward Easter.

All: Sail toward the dawn.

*Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer (Trespases)

*Hymn Medley

Create in Me a Clean Heart (projector)
#216 *Behold the Lamb of God*

Announcements

Time of Confession/Words of Assurance

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 10

Acts 4:32-37

Sharing Our Offerings

Offertory: *The Old Rugged Cross* arr. Brock Amy Ackerberg-Hastings

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

*Hymn

#447 *Stand by Me*

(Children are dismissed for Children's Church)

Prayers of the Family

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:19b-22, 26-28; 11:19-24; 15:36-41

Sermon Series "The Three Gifts You Can Give Your Pastor" Part 2

Sermon

Rev. Earl E. Dunbar

THE GIFT OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*Closing Hymn

#676 *Go, My Children*

*Benediction

*Those who are able please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Carl & Rose Rodgers
Ushers: Paul Seguin
Reader: None Scheduled
Nursery/Assistant: Claire Bentley & Dustin Knowles
Snack: None Scheduled
Sound Technician: Gordon Sloat

SERVING NEXT WEEK: March 27

Greeters: Kathy Knowles
Ushers: Jim Hamilton
Reader: Rob Ericson
Nursery/Assistant: Martha Reitman & Dustin Knowles
Snack: To Be Announced
Sound Technician: None Scheduled

Birthdays and Anniversaries This week

Monday Liz Cameron, Jason Rodgers
Thursday Joseph Sanders, Jennie Stewart,
Jared Connelie
Friday Lydia Bentley

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
	3:30 PM	Help pack up the office party
Tue. Mar. 22	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study in kitchen
Sun. Mar. 27	9:00 AM	Pastry and Prayer
	9:30 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Open house goodbye party for Dunbars (at Parsonage)

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 New Hampshire from Tuesday-Friday this week. If there are any emergencies, 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.

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). Schedule for April – We will have Pastry and Prayer on April 10 and 17.

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.

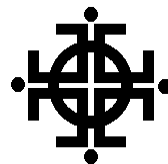
UPCOMING EVENTS AT COMMUNITY COVENANT:

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

- MAR. 20/21 – 3:30 PM (20th), 5:30 PM (21st 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. 1 – WELCOME RYAN AND DEVYN/PACKING PARTY late afternoon at the parsonage. Please contact Rob Ericson if you can help unpack Friday evening.
- 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.
- APR. 24 – EASTER SUNDAY (watch for more information)

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: "The Gift of Grace"

Sermon: "The Gift of Encouragement"

Texts: Acts 9:19b-22; 11:19-24; 15:36-41

Good News: Your Gift of Encouragement Transforms Lives

Today we will learn from Barnabas the faces of encouragement that can visit your new pastors and/or anyone in relationship with you.

I. Saul: Standing For Someone (Acts 9)

II. Antioch Believers: Passion In Someone (Acts 11)

III. Mark: Walking With Someone (Acts 15)

Questions for Application:

Who needs your gift of encouragement so you can "practice" before Pastors Ryan and Devyn come to Community Covenant? _____

What makes it hard for you to encourage this person? _____

What prayer needs spring from this? _____

What face of encouragement does this person need to see from you?
