

March 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: #892

*Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer (Trespases)

*Hymn Medley

#498 *I Sing with Joy and Gladness* (vs. 1,3,5)
#433 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* (vs. 1,3,4)

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 40:25-31
I Peter 1:3-9

Announcements

Offering

Offertory
*Doxology
*Offering Prayer

*Hymn

#81 *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

Prayers of the Family

Scripture Reading
II Corinthians 4:1-12

Sermon Series "The Three Gifts You Can Give Your Pastor" Part 3

Sermon

Rev. Earl E. Dunbar

THE GIFT OF HOPE

*Closing Hymn

#248 *Jesus Lives, and So Shall I*

*Benediction and Closing Blessing

*Those who are able please stand.

SERVING TODAY

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK: April 3

Greeters: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Aaron Knowles
Reader: Bill Anderson
Nursery/Assistant: Kathy & Dustin Knowles
Snack: To Be Announced
Sound Technician: Jim Hamilton

Birthdays and Anniversaries This week

Next Sunday Samuel Redding, Thomas Connelie

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	Good bye Party Open House for Dunbars at Parsonage
Mon. Mar. 28	5:30 PM	Help pack up the Parsonage
Tue. Mar. 29	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study in kitchen
Fri. Apr. 1	All Day	Welcoming and Moving Day for Ryan and Devyn. You can come anytime in the day.
Sun. Apr. 3		No Prayer and Pastry
	9:30 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	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.

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.

THIS WILL BE PASTOR EARL'S LAST SUNDAY WITH US. There will be an OPEN HOUSE GOODBYE PARTY at the parsonage at 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM. We will have pizza, salad, and dessert. You are invited to come and also claim or tag things (for goodwill) you have donated to the parsonage in the past.

EASTER IS COMING! That means an Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring your donations for the Easter Eggs and leave them with Aaron or on his desk. Due to breakage, we will need a few eggs this year, too!

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.

OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE. Please pick up your copy after the service today. We thank Kathy Knowles for putting this together!

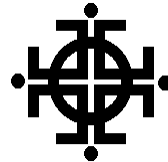
UPCOMING EVENTS AT COMMUNITY COVENANT:

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

- 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 Ercison 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

OUTLINE:

Sermon Series: "Three Gifts You Can Give Your Pastor"

Sermon: "The Gift of Hope"

Good News: You are the Gift in Building a Community of Hope
Today we will look materials necessary to build a community of hope.

I. Living Without Masks (vs. 1-2)

II. Lighting the Darkness (vs. 3-6)

III. Looking Into an Expanded Reality (vs. 7-12)

Questions for Application:

Which of these building materials can you start to bring to make
Community Covenant Church a Community of Hope? _____

What prevents you from offering this gift? _____

Does this lead to something you need to confess or ask of God? _____

How have you seen God at work and have you mentioned this to
someone at church in some fashion (e-mail, card, letter, phone call,
etc.)? If not, can you do this today? _____