

The Celebration of Holy Communion
All Saints Sunday, November 4, 2007 – 11:00 AM

Welcome Rev. John Benson

Prelude Sandy Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

O Rest in the Lord – Mendelssohn

*Call to Worship Based on Revelation 7:9-10

Leader: I looked, and there was a great crowd –
so many people, no one could count them!
They were from every nation, every race and language –
all standing before the throne of God and Jesus the King,
all wearing white robes, all waving palm branches,
and all of them shouting,

People: Salvation comes from our God and from Jesus the Lamb!

Leader: The Lord is King! Let heaven and earth rejoice!

*Hymn #271 *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

First Lesson Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Kristin Karlson, Reader

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:20-31

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

*Hymn #108, Stanza 4 *Sing Praise to the Father*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #765 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

Communion Meditation Ephesians 1:17-19

HIS GLORIOUS INHERITENCE

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

*The Apostles' Creed Hymnal #878

*The Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving after Receiving:

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who,
having witnessed to you on earth, now live with you in
heaven, remembering especially before you (names spoken
by the congregation). Keep us in fellowship with them until
we meet with all the faithful in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Hymn #465 *Forward through the Ages*

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able please stand.

Welcome! Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit, or something you do every Sunday, we're happy that you're here. Please fill out the Home Page insert in this bulletin, including your address and prayer requests, and make it part of the offering today. The offering is an opportunity to share financially in the ministries and mission of our congregation. If you're a visitor or a newcomer, please feel no obligation about this. Nursery care for children up to the age of 5 is available downstairs.

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Our mission as a congregation is calling people from the 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	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service No Youth Group
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study "Living Passionately for Christ"
Next Sun.	9:30 AM	Sunday School Classes for all ages
Nov, 11	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	5-6:45 PM	Youth Group

A SPECIAL SUNDAY TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY – NOV. 18

Combined Service with Peniel Presbyterian at 10 AM

- **Sunday School will not be held**
- **Nursery Care will be provided**
- **Junior JAMboree for all kids (entire service)**
- **Emphasis on Thanksgiving and Prayer**

Service will be followed by a shared meal:

- **The Korean congregation is providing the food**
- **Our congregations is responsible for dessert**
(Please bring your favorite)

Join in this celebration of our life together in Christ

- **And still be there for the CROP Walk at 2 PM**

We're celebrating the Lord's Supper today. If you *confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead* you are encouraged to join us – even if you're not a member of this congregation! Everyone will be invited to come forward. If, for any reason, you do not wish to participate, please feel free to remain in your seat. Children are welcomed at the Lord's Table – the youngest are given grapes. Older children may receive the Bread and the Cup if, in the opinion of their parents, they understand the significance of the celebration and have put their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Our custom is to wait until everyone has been served in order to eat and drink together.

A Note from Pastor Benson: *Thank you all for the wonderful birthday card which so many of you signed, and for the generous gift. As I sing the Beatles' song to myself, "Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm 64?" I know the answer is yes!*

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group - Youth Group meets this evening from 5:00 to 6:45. The group is led by Jim Hamilton and is open to all Middle and Senior High students. For more information, contact Kathy Knowles in the Church Office or listen to the "Youth Ministry Hotline" at 703-455-4150. Guests are always welcome to join in. Our next meeting is November 11th.

The Youth Group is sponsoring a Child through Compassion International. His name is Yohanes, and he lives in Indonesia. \$40 per month has been pledged by the Youth to help support this five-year-old boy. The donations box has been placed on the credenza with information on Yohanes in the information holder. Members of the Youth Group should place their donations in the box as they have them. Donations received above the \$40 target will be kept in the account until Yohanes' birthday in October and for Christmas.

CROP WALK! It's scheduled for Sunday, November 18th, right after church. The special time schedule for worship and fellowship on the 18th will make it easier for everyone to participate. Please see Mary for the forms.



The Women's Bible Study has chosen their study for this year: Living Passionately for Christ by Cas Monaco - A Bible study on the book of Philippians. Join them in the kitchen each Tuesday morning at 9:45.

Order your Cider now. Cider orders forms are outside the sanctuary. Payment can be placed in the envelope provided or given to Kathy. Place your order soon for gallons and half gallons of fresh apple cider or bottles of sparkling cider in a variety of flavors.

Events for Young Adult Fellowship (career, singles, young marrieds, etc.):

On Saturday, November 17, please join us for a hike through Theodore Roosevelt Island Park. This event is family friendly and dog friendly, too. We will meet at the Park's parking lot at 10:30 AM and hike from there. Please contact the church office at 703-455-4150 to RSVP and for more information.

On Saturday, December 1, the Young Adult Fellowship will be touring Mount Vernon by "Candlelight." There are still a few tickets left for this event. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the church office at 703-455-4150



How to Contact Pastor Benson – You can call him the office, at any time – 703-451-6624. The church's e-mail address is communitycovenant@verizon.net. Prayer requests and other matters can also be brought to his attention by using the Home Page insert in the bulletin. Don't hesitate to get in touch when you, or someone in your family, is hospitalized, facing surgery, or in need of pastoral care.



Thanks to those who donated Casseroles for Rising Hope Mission Church your efforts were greatly appreciated. The need for meals tends to be neglected during the holiday months, so we plan to provide casseroles for one meal in November and December . If you want to get a jump on it, or if you will be out of town for the holidays, consider bringing your casserole in now and placing it in the freezer.

The World Relief Banks are on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. Put one on your kitchen table as a reminder to share what we have with those who are in need. The World Relief Theme this year is "You Can Make a Difference – We Can Make a Change."

Join in our "Above and Beyond" stewardship campaign for Covenant World Missions. Look over the bulletin boards in the back of the sanctuary, read the brochure "Strong and Crazy for Christ," and make a contribution or a pledge today, using the envelopes provided on the credenza. You may put the envelope in the basket or in the offering. Our goal is to raise \$6,000 beyond our budget for Covenant World Missions by the end of the year. So far \$3,200 has been raised.



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.

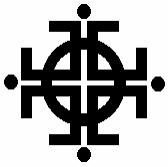


The Book Discussion Group is reading Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt by Anne Rice for discussion on Saturday, December 1 - following the Hanging of the Greens. For those who will not be helping to decorate the church, please plan to be here by 6 PM. The book is 368 pages and is available through amazon.com for \$7.99. For more information, please speak to Becky.

In the Covenant Companion – “No Child Left Behind” – Read about Oakdale Covenant Church on the southside of Chicago, and its remarkable academic excellence ministry. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310, or you can subscribe online at www.covechurch.org/communications. Subscriptions are \$19.95 a year.

Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday:

Haggai 1:15-2-9	Take courage!
Psalms 145	God is greatly to be praised
2 Thess. 2:1-17	Stand firm and hold fast
Luke 20:27-38	Whose wife will she be?



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 being united in Christ. Then four different people, joined to one another, reach out to the world in love.

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A Covenant Affirmation: We affirm the ministry of the Holy Spirit, who with the Father and the Son calls the Church into being, empowers its witness, guides its mission, and supplies the gifts needed by the Church and its members to exalt Christ.