

THE SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP
November 9, 2008- 11 AM

Welcome Pastor John Benson

Families with children are welcome in worship.
Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers
Downstairs throughout the service

Prelude Sandra Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

Holy, Holy, Holy – arr. Wyrzten

*Responsive Call to Worship From Psalm 145

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
His greatness no one can fathom.

People: *One generation tells another what he has done.
Together they talk about his awesome deeds.
Together they sing his praise.*

*Hymn #8

How Great Thou Art

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

First Lesson Joshua 24:1-3a 14-25 Bud Clark, Reader
(The children's bulletins are based on this passage)

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

Children age 3 through 3rd grade are dismissed to go downstairs
for Jr. JAMBoree (on the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays of the month)

*The Doxology Hymnal #48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #771

It May Be At Morn

Sermon I Thessalonians 4:13-16

WITH THESE WORDS

Hymn #451

It Is Well with My Soul

*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, you are under no obligation.

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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.

Our Life Together This Week

Today	9:30 AM	Sunday school
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>Encounters with God- Matthew</i>
Sunday Nov. 15	9:30 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	7:00 PM	Books and Culture Discussion: <u>Simon's Night</u> by Jon Hassler

When you come to Church on Sunday, remember to . . .

- Bring *canned goods* for outreach to those in need in our area through the food pantries at ECHO and Rising Hope
- Bring *change* for the change box to fund capital improvements

Remember that this building is regularly used by other groups. If you are planning an activity, remember to check the complete calendar in the church office. Please speak to Aaron Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling any event. (Call 703-455-4150.) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

Parents! Families with children are always welcome in worship at Community Covenant Church, including the 1st Sunday of the month when we celebrate Communion. We provide nursery care for infants and toddlers throughout the service every Sunday morning. We also have Jr. JAMBoree for children ages 3 through 3rd grade during the 2nd half of the service on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month. On the 5th Sundays in the year we plan an intergenerational worship experience. Children's worship bulletins with age-appropriate activities based on the scripture for the day, coloring books and crayons are available on the table by the door. Our family ministries also include Sunday School at 9:30 AM with nursery care and classes for preschoolers, children, young people, and adults.

A Thanksgiving Service and Shared Meal with our Korean Congregation is coming soon. On Sunday, November 23, at 11 AM, we will hold our annual combined Service of Thanksgiving with our Korean Congregation, Peniel Presbyterian Church and Pastor Steve Eun. Rev. Peter Sung, the new Associate Superintendent of the East Coast Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church, will be the speaker. An article about Rev. Sung is on display in the rear of the sanctuary. A shared meal will follow the service- our congregation has traditionally provided the dessert.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30 with the lighting of the Advent Wreath and an intergenerational service at 11 AM. This will be a festive event, which the entire church family will enjoy and find meaningful as we begin to prepare for Christmas

Help Plan the Christmas Dinner! Since the Fellowship Chair on the Church Council is Vacant, the Council is looking for a team of volunteers to help plan the Christmas Dinner and Program which has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday evening, December 13. If you can help plan this one event, please make a note of it on your homepage or tell Rob Ericson, Church Chair, or Pastor Benson today.

Troop 1853's cider sales have begun! Forms for ordering cider will be available on the table outside of the sanctuary along with an envelope for payment. Unfortunately we have received word that only fresh apple cider and sparkling apple cider are available this year.

Casserole Time! We will be providing casseroles for the homeless through Rising Hope this month. If you would like to provide a casserole please sign up after the service or talk to Mary Hamilton. We need to have the casseroles by Sunday, Nov. 16. Please wrap them well so that we can freeze them until the middle of the week. Thank you for considering this outreach opportunity.

The annual crop walk will take place on Sunday, Nov. 23. The participants will be walking about 4 miles at a leisurely pace. The walkers need sponsors to support them to raise money for Church World Service. These funds will go to grass roots, hunger fighting development efforts in 80 countries by empowering people to meet their own needs by educating people and helping them to develop water systems and wells, provide seeds and tools as well as technical training and micro-enterprise loans. Also, 25% of the money raised will go to local agencies ECHO and Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. Last year 280 walkers representing 20 churches and synagogues participated in CROP walk. It's lots of fun to take a walk on a beautiful fall day with others working towards the same goal. See Mary Hamilton to participate or to support a walker.

Sign Up to Sponsor Pastor Benson for the CROP Walk on Sunday, November 23. The sign up sheet is on the table in front of his office. The Book of Memories and Greetings from his surprise birthday party is also there for you to enjoy.

The youngish adults will warm up their vocal cords for the holidays by attending the Wolf Trap Sing-a-Long in the Filene Center on Sunday, December 7. We'll meet in front of the Center at 3:15 for the 4:00 p.m. concert, which is BYOB (bring your own bell). Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be accepted. Depending on the appearance of Baby E, we'll adjourn to the Enstroms for hot chocolate afterwards.

The Apple Tree on the Wall or Why Does My Homepage say HI? The **H** is there to give you a place to list the volunteer hours (or partial hours) you have donated to children's ministries – our goal is 1,000 hours, and they show up as *leaves* on the apple tree on the sanctuary wall. The **I** is for listing the number of invitations you have extended to a child or a family to participate in one of our children's ministries. Our goal is 100 invitations, and they show up as the smiling *flowers* underneath the tree. Each *apple* on the tree represents \$50 in contributions for our children's ministries and outreach to families. Our goal is \$5,000, and you can use the special envelopes on the credenza to make a contribution.

Lessons to Read for October 26- Reformation Sunday

Joshua 24:1-25	Choose this day whom you will serve
Psalms 78:1-7	Tell the coming generations
1Thess. 4:13-18	Information about those who have died
Matthew 25: 1-13	The ten bridesmaids

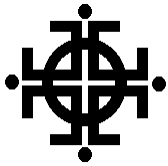
The Books and Culture Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, November 16 at 7 PM in the church kitchen. You are invited to read Simon's Night by Jon Hassler and join in the informal and friendly conversation which includes both men and women, church members and non-members. Suggestions for books to read and discuss are always welcome. Call Becky Ericson (703-503-3297) for details.

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.

In the Covenant Companion – “Just Eating in an Unjust World” – Michelle Clifton Soderstrom shares four lessons she has learned from the Lord's Table. “God uses food to bring us deeply into the story of salvation.” You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310 or online at www.Covchurch.org/communication. Subscriptions are \$19.95 a year.

Get Connected with Covenant Newswire – this free service delivers the latest news from Covenant Churches around the world to your home or office in a single daily email. It's a great way to keep informed about what's happening among the mission friends. To sign up, visit the Covenant Web Page (www.covchurch.org) and click on the Newswire button.

Get Your Recipes In! Last call for contributions to the church Cookbook. Please give your recipes to Kathy or email them to the church email address – communitycovenant@verizon.net.



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. The Covenant Web Page: www.covchurch.org

A Covenant Affirmation: We affirm a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit. We believe it is the Holy Spirit who instills in our hearts a desire to turn to Christ, and who assures us that Christ dwells within us. It is the Holy Spirit who enables our obedience to Christ and conforms us to his image, and it is the Spirit in us who enables us to continue Christ's mission in the world. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to us as individuals and binds us together as Christ's body.