

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Stewardship Sunday – Veterans’ Day
November 11, 2007 – 11:00 AM

Welcome Rev. John Benson

Prelude Sandy Benson, Organist

*Call to Worship From Psalm 145

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

People: His greatness is beyond comprehension.

Leader: He is gracious and merciful -
slow to become angry, quick to show love.

People: The Lord is good to everyone.
He has compassion on all he has made.

Leader: All your works will thank you, O Lord.
All your people will bless your name.

*Hymn #649

Great God, We Sing that Mighty Hand

*Prayer of Invocation

*The Lord’s Prayer

Beloved, like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my God.
I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste.

Song of Solomon 2:3

Second Lesson 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Bud Clark, Reader

Gospel Luke 20:27-38

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

+Children Age 3 – Grade 4 are dismissed for Junior JAMBoree+

Offertory

Becky Ericson, Pianist
*Hymn #108, Stanza 4

Sing Praise to the Father

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #657

Thanks to God for My Redeemer

Sermon

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

HOW TO OVERCOME DISCOURAGEMENT

*Hymn #605

Renew Your Church

*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.

SERVING TODAY

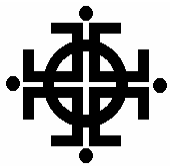
Greeters: Erik & Anna Karlson
Ushers: Nelson Hastings & Carl Rodgers
Nursery: Betty Sloat & Andrea Hamilton
Sound Technician: Jim Hamilton
Candle Lighter: Thomas Connelie
Snack: Claire Bentley

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Youth Group
Ushers: Rob Ericson & Paul Seguin
Candle Lighter: Andrea Hamilton
Sound Technician: David Reitman

Birthdays & Anniversaries being celebrated this week:

Tuesday Kristin Karlson



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.covechurch.org

A Covenant Affirmation: We affirm a commitment to the whole mission of the church. We follow Christ's two central calls: the Great Commission sends us out into the world to make disciples. The Great Commandment calls us to love the Lord and our neighbors as ourselves.

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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
	5:00 PM	Youth Group
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study "Living Passionately for Christ"
Saturday	10:30 AM	Young Adult Fellowship Hike at Roosevelt Island
Next Sun.	10:00 AM	Worship with Peniel
Nov. 18	11:30 AM	Shared Meal
	2:00 PM	CROP Walk

Remember, 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 Kathy Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling any event. (Call 703-455-4150 or 703-425-5633.) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.



DON'T MISS CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!

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 congregation 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**



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 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.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group – Youth Group meets this evening (for real!) 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.

Don't forget to place your donations for our sponsored child, Yohannes, in the donations box at the back of the sanctuary. The Youth Group has pledged \$40 per month toward his support.

CROP WALK! It's scheduled for next Sunday, November 18th. Our combined service and meal were scheduled earlier this year to make it less hectic for those who wish to walk. Please see Mary Hamilton for the forms.



The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:45 each Sunday in the church kitchen. This year's study is "Living Passionately for Christ" by Cas Monaco – A Bible study on the book of Philippians. For more information, please speak to Betty Sloat.

Last Chance for Cider! Cider order 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.



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.



Help us provide one hot meal for the homeless this month and next month. The need for meals tends to be neglected during the holiday months, so we plan to provide casseroles for one meal this month and one in December. Please sign up on the table outside the sanctuary. You may bring your casseroles early and place them in the freezer in the kitchen.

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 envelop 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.

Have You Forgotten the Buddy Board? There are many people available and willing to do a variety of things for you. Please take a look at the bulletin board above the hymnal shelf to see who’s volunteering for what. If you would like to place your name on the board and volunteer, please do!

New Guidelines for Labels to save for the Education Program at the Covenant Home in Cromwell have been developed and are in the basket on the coffee table where labels are gathered. Take a copy home and post it on your refrigerator.

Life is No Picnic for many, even in a prosperous area like Northern Virginia. Remember what Jesus said about being hungry, and bring some canned goods for the two food pantries we support – ECHO (in the basket on the table by the sanctuary door) and RISING HOPE (in the plastic container under the table).



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 Ericson.

In the Covenant Companion – “High Flyer” – Stan Friedman tells the story of Helen Coffin, a Covenant from Lord’s Valley, PA, who jumped from a plane to celebrate her 80th birthday. “It was such a rush,” says Helen, a first-time skydiver. “It was so wonderful!” You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310 or online at www.covchurch.org/communications. Subscriptions are \$19.95 a year.



How to Contact Pastor Benson – You may contact him at his office at church – 703-455-4150. 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.

Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY