

WORSHIP SERVICE
November 15 2009 – 11AM

Welcome

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

Prelude Becky Ericson, Pianist

We Gather Together arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

*Hymn 772

We Wait for a Great and Glorious Day

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

First Lesson 1 Samuel 1:4-20 Paul Seguin, Reader

Psalm 16 Hymnal #787

Second Lesson Hebrews 10:11-14

Our Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

+ *Children age 3 to 2nd grade are excused for Junior Jamboree* +

Offering

*The Doxology Hymn 48

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 437

How Firm A Foundation

Gospel Mark 13:1-8

Sermon Rev. Doug Thorpe

CITY OF GOD

*Hymn 469

How Can I Keep From Singing?

*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 your offering this morning. The offering is an opportunity to share financially in the ministries and mission of this congregation – if you're a visitor or a newcomer, as our guest you are under no obligation to participate. We hope to see you again soon!

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: None Scheduled
Ushers: Nelson Hastings
Reader: Paul Seguin
Nursery/Assistant: Betty Sloat/Amy
Ackerberg- Hastings
Sound Tech: Jim Hamilton
Snack: Newbergs

SERVING NEXT WEEK: November 22

Greeter: To Be Announced
Ushers: To Be Announced
Reader: To Be Announced
Nursery/Assistant: To Be Announced
Sound Tech: To Be Announced
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Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Thursday Meron Berhe, Richard LaFave

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.

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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	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Guest Preacher: Doug Thorpe
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study

Next Sunday, November 22

	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	The Service of Holy Communion

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

If anyone might be available to help drive Rich to doctor appointments, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call (703) 622 – 4741 if you are available to help.

There is a great need for school supplies for Afghan children. If anyone is interested in donating to a “school supply” care package, please contact Kristin Zeman.

The Shack, by Wm. Paul Young, is the book scheduled for discussion on Sunday, December 6, at 6:30 PM in the church kitchen. A lot of people are reading and talking about this best-selling book and so should you! According to Eugene Peterson, “This book has the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan’s Pilgrim Progress did for his. It’s that good!” See if you agree – read it and join our conversation about this unusual book which addresses the question: Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?

A Sign-Up Sheet for Holiday Volunteers is on the table outside the sanctuary. If you will be here during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays, please consider signing up!

Please remember to sign up for the ECHO Thanksgiving Basket! Contributions of food or money are appreciated. Items need to be brought to church on November 22. Thank you.

Save this date! December 12th will be our annual Christmas dinner. Appetizers are at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by a special Christmas program. Invite your friends.

In the Covenant Companion: “Why We Worship” – Jay Phelan writes about what he has learned from Dietrich Bonhoeffer. “Bonhoeffer was well aware of hypocrisy, selfishness and shortsightedness that could afflict a Christian community. But he thought the struggle well worthwhile.” Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

The Helping Hand Fund – A new special offering is being introduced in the service today as approved by the last congregational meeting. It’s purpose is to “lend a hand” to those in the church family with emergency financial needs (see Galatians 6:10 for the inspiration for this – Whenever we have an opportunity, let us do good to all, and especially to those who are of the family of faith.) Make your contribution to this fund using the special envelopes included in the bulletin on Communion Sundays. Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Pastor and Church Council.

Covenant World Relief Funds are already at work in India. Emergency funds have been sent to the Hindustani Covenant Church and Rural Evangelism Fellowship as they assist some of the millions affected by historic flooding that has devastated two southern states. Pick up a “Soup Can” bank from the credenza and use it gratefully and generously every day as we gather our World Relief Offering.

Pastor John and Sandy Benson are on a trip to Connecticut (to look at a couple of houses), to Wisconsin (to visit with Laurel, Ben and Benson in Kenosha), and to Missouri (to visit with Jen and Tim, Thomas, Lars and Markus in Warrenburg). They are planning to return to Springfield on Wednesday, November 18. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact church chair, Rob Ericson, or Aaron Knowles in the church office.

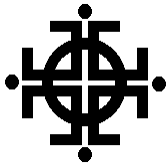
THE 2009 CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 2 PM. We urge you to participate in this multi-congregational four mile walk from Living Savior Lutheran on Rt. 123 in Burke Station, to Fairfax Presbyterian. See the bulletin board for details and talk to Mary Hamilton about joining in this effort to combat world hunger.

How to contact Pastor Benson: By phone (703-451-6624; 703-455-4150; 703-505-0626) by mail (6624 Reynard Drive, Springfield, VA 22152) or by email (johnsbenson@hotmail.com). Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

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.

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

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 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