

THE SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP
Celebrating Christ the King
November 16, 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

Prelude of Thanksgiving – arr. Wyrzten

Call to Worship Ephesians 1:15-23

*Hymn #271

Rejoice, the Lord is king

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

First Lesson Ezekiel 34: 11-16,20-24 Jim Hamilton, Reader
(The children's bulletins are based on this passage)

*Reading of Psalm 100 with sung response Hymnal No. 835

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 #639

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Sermon

I Thessalonians 4:13-16

THE KINGDOM OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Hymn #722

I Am Standing, Waiting

*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.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Youth Group
Ushers: Bob Ericson & Jared Connelie
Reader: Jim Hamilton
Nursery: Lynda Seguin
Snack: The Sloats
Sound Technician: Tom Connelie
Candle Lighter: Thomas Connelie

SERVING NEXT WEEK: November 23

Greeters: Carl & Rosalie Rodgers
Ushers: Gordon Sloat & Paul Seguin
Reader: none scheduled
Nursery: Shelley Connelie
Snack: Claire Bentley
Sound Technician: David Reitman
Candle Lighter: Andrea Hamilton

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Wednesday Meron Berhe, Richard La Fave
Sunday Bob Ericson

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.

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH
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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
Encounters with God- Matthew

Sunday **COMBINED THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**
Nov. 23 **Community Covenant & Peniel Presbyterian**

+ **Sunday School will NOT be held**
+ **Worship Service at 10 AM, not 11**
+ **Guest Preacher Peter Sung**
Assoc. Supt. East Coast Conference
+ **Shared Meal to follow the Service**
Please bring something for dessert

2:00 PM CROP WALK

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
- Bring *a dollar* to help our Youth Group support Yohannes Makalew, Compassion International sponsored child in Indonesia

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 Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by several local congregations will be held Tuesday, November 25, at 7:30 PM at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church on Hooes Rd. just off Sydenstricker Rd. near Fairfax County Parkway. Pastor John Benson and Pastor Steve Eun will be participating.

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.

The annual crop walk will take place at 2 PM 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. Further information is posted on the bulletin board above the hymnals

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.

For the Not So Youngish Adults who also love to sing, another Messiah Sing-a-Long will be held at the St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 N. Glebe Rd. Arlington, on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7:0 PM. Free admission, donations for Food Bank accepted. Bring your score or borrow at the door, childcare during reception following, St Peter's Choir, Orchestra & Soloist. See Doug Thorpe for details.

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

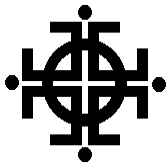
Duet. 8:7-187	God gives power to get wealth
Psalms 65	God crowns the year with goodness
2 Cor. 9:6-15	We reap what we sow
Luke 17:11-19	90% of those healed were ungrateful

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 – “Thanks But No Thanks” – Cathy Norman Peterson faces the challenge of being grateful. “Sometimes it is easier or me to count on the ways God has not answered prayer than the ways he has.” 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 the reality of freedom in Christ. This freedom is a gift from God and it manifests itself in a right relationship with God and others. It is not a private gift to be used selfishly, but to be given to serve the community and the world. For the Apostle Paul, this freedom means that we are set free from the power of those things that on their own tend to divide. United in Christ, we offer freedom to one another to differ on issues of belief or practice where the biblical and historical record seems to allow for a variety of interpretations of the will and purpose of God.