

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
November 25, 2007 – 11:00 AM

Welcome Pastor John Benson

Prelude Sandy Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

Postlude of Doxology – arr. Wyrzten

*Unison Call to Worship

With one strong voice of praise and adoration we proclaim that Christ is King. We have followed the long story of the mighty acts of God since last Advent. True to his promise, Christ has been among us. Now, again, with one voice we proclaim that we are the Lord's people in a broken world. We are not alone. We join in adoration of the One who reigns and keeps opening up new possibilities for hope and restoration.

*Hymn #295

Come Christians, Join to Sing

*Prayer of Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Second Lesson Colossians 1:11-20 Bill Anderson, Reader

*Hymn (Insert)

Majesty

Gospel Luke 23:33-43

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

+No Junior JAMBoree Today+

Offertory

*The Doxology Hymn #48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #78

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sermon Jeremiah 23:1-6

WHEN THE GOOD SHEPHERD IS YOUR KING

*Hymn #269

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*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:

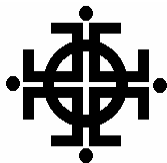
Greeters: Carl & Rose Rodgers
Ushers: Dustin & Aaron Knowles
Reader: Bill Anderson
Nursery: Claire Bentley & Liz Reitman
Sound Tech: Robert Hamilton
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

Greeter: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Robert Hamilton & Beth Badassa
Reader: Sandy Benson
Nursery: Shelley & Jared Connelie
Sound Tech: Tom Connelie
Candle Lighter: Jenny Connelie

Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday- The First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5	Neither shall they learn war any more
Psalms 122	Let us go to the house of the Lord
Romans 13:11-14	A wake up call from the Apostle Paul
Matthew 24:36-44	Just like the days before the flood



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, who delivers us from the power of sin and moves us by his grace into a whole new experience of obedience and life.

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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
	12:15 PM	Christian Formation Meeting
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study "Living Passionately for Christ"
Friday	10:00 AM	You are invited to attend
	To Noon	Rob Ericson's Oral Defense of his Doctoral Dissertation See the Bulletin Announcement for details.
Saturday	12:00 Noon	The Hanging of the Greens Come and help decorate the Church Pizza will be served when decorating is done
	6:00 PM	Book Discussion – everyone is welcome! Anne Rice: <u>Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt</u> Be sure to read "The Author's Note" pp. 303-322
Evening		Young Adult Fellowship Tour "Mount Vernon by Candlelight"
Next	9:30 AM	Sunday School
Sun. Dec 2	11:00 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion



You Are Invited to Attend Rob Ericson's Oral Defense of his Doctoral Dissertation: *Bringing Solutions to the Religion and Science Conflict Over Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research* at the Arlington Campus of George Mason University. It will take place from 10:00 AM until Noon at the Truland Building, Room 555; 3330 N. Washington Blvd. in Arlington, VA. (Directions are posted on the Bulletin Board)

The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:45 each Tuesday morning 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.

Seeking – A Person with a Heart for Our Children: We are in need of a Nursery Maintenance Worker. This is a Volunteer Position, and will require only a short amount of time. Duties include switching linens in the crib and seeing that the nursery is organized and well-stocked. If you are this person, please speak with Kristin Karlson or Kathy Knowles.

Help yourself to a 2008 calendar from Pastor Steve Eun and the Peniel Presbyterian Church on the table in the hallway. Thanks to everyone who supported last Sunday's joint service and shared meal with Peniel by attending and bringing dessert.

Volunteers are needed to fill the volunteer positions of Ushers, Greeters, Readers, Nursery Workers, Candle Lighters and Sound Technicians over the coming holidays. If you will be here, please consider signing up!

YOUTH GROUP

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. This month we are adding an extra \$18 for a Christmas Present!

Extra! Extra! Read All about It! Get a copy of the Covenant World Relief Reporter as you leave the building today. Read all about how our Covenant World Relief Offering is being used to bring hope all around the world. Then make a generous contribution using the envelope provided in the bulletin today.

Casseroles are being brought to Rising Hope Mission Church in the beginning of December. Please sign up to bring a casserole outside in the hallway. Your casseroles should be brought to church by December 5th and placed in the freezer.

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.

CROP Walk Results: Thanks to everyone who walked or pledged money for this past Sunday's CROP Walk. Six people and a few dogs joined in the Walk. The money has not yet been tallied, so we don't yet know how much we brought in.

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).



US NAVY CHAPLAIN JIM FISHER, a favorite guest preacher at CCC, now stationed in Afghanistan, is featured in a November 20 article in the Christian Science Monitor: “Military Chaplains: Being a Cop of Conscience in the Military Killing Machine.” The article, which tells how Jim brings his evangelical faith to work with Afghan military mullahs, is posted on the bulletin board. (Thanks to Erik Karlson for calling it to our attention.)

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 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 – “Casting About” – this month’s Webwatch takes an online tour of podcasts. Cathering Barsotti and Rob Johnston review the movie “Stranger than Fiction.” Dick Nystrom, interim pastor at Bowie now working in Lesotho, reviews The Skeptic’s Guide to the Global Aid’s Crisis by Dale Hanson Bourke. 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.



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.

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.

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!