

**INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP**  
**Advent, the Season of Anticipation**  
**Sunday, November 30, 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  
Becky

Sandra Benson, Organist  
Ericson, Pianist

*Who Is He in Yonder Stall?* Hanby

Reading of the Gospel Mark 13:24-37 Lisa Ann Abranchess  
+ The children's bulletins are based on this passage+

"Be on the Watch" for a Pop Quiz (Answers are on page 961)

\*Hymn 141

*Come, Lord Jesus*

\*Call to Worship Verses Romans 10:9, Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 1:22,23

\*Opening Prayer

"The Candles of Advent" Insert  
+Lightning the Advent Wreath in Church and at Home+

The Youth Group's Multi-Media Presentation

A Word to the Children & Parents  
Week 1- "Zechariah's Surprise" Luke 1:11-20

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

\*Hymn 154, Stanza 4

*O Holy Child of Bethlehem*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 140, Stanzas 1-2

*Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*

**Becky Ericson, Pianist**

Unison Reading of the First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

The Message

Isaiah 64:6

**FADED LEAVES AND EVERGREENS**

Hymn 140, Stanzas 3-4

\*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: Nelson Hastings & Rob Ericson  
Reader: Lisa Ann Abranchess  
Nursery: Kathy Knowles  
Snack: Karlson Family  
Sound Technician: Jim Hamilton  
Candle Lighter: Jenny Connelie

SERVING NEXT WEEK: December 7

Greeters: Ruth Kendrick  
Ushers: Bud Clark and Jenny Connelie  
Reader: Erik Karlson  
Nursery: Martha Reitman  
Snack: Zeman Family  
Sound Technician: Bob Ericson  
Candle Lighter: none scheduled  
Communion: Hastings family

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Today Jon Ericson, Jen Harriman(Kalis)

## COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

Celebrating our 36<sup>th</sup> year of Ministry

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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.

### 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

**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



**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 7:30 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.

**Volunteers needed in December-** Sign up in the hallway today to light the Advent Wreath on Sunday Morning (individuals, families, and other groupings are needed). We are also looking for a number of people to read scripture or provide a special music for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 10PM on Dec.24

**Help our apple tree** continue to blossom and bear fruit! 76 personal invitations have been extended to children and their families to participate in a church activity (our goal for the year is 100). 684 hours have been donated in supporting our ministry to children (our goal is 1000). \$2809 has been contributed for better equipping our children ministry (our goal is \$5000). Please help us achieve these over and above stewardship goals.

#### **Lessons to Read for December 7-** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

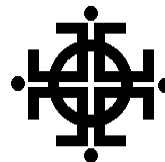
Isaiah 40:1-11	Comfort my people, says your God
Psalms 85	Let me hear what God will say
2 Peter 3:8-15	How long will God be Patient
Mark 1:1-8	Prepare the way of the Lord

**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](http://www.covenantchurchva.org).

**In the Covenant Companion** – “The Dow, Dept and Despair- and the Redemptive Word of God”- Mindi Bach, a financial adviser and a member of Community Covenant Church in San Andreas, CA, hears God's promise from an unexpected source. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. (Online at [www.covchurch.org/communications](http://www.covchurch.org/communications) or call 773-784-3000)

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**How to contact Pastor Benson.** Call him at the parsonage, where he maintains an office, at any time: 703-451-6624; or by email- [johnbenson@hotmail.com](mailto:johnbenson@hotmail.com). Prayer requests and other matters can be brought to his attention by using the home page insert in this bulletin. Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery, or in need of pastoral care.



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