

WORSHIP IN THE SEASON OF ANTICIPATION
The 4th Sunday in Advent – December 20, 2009 – 11AM

*“Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation,
that your Son, Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a
mansion prepared for himself.” From The Book of Common Prayer*

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

Once in Royal David's City – arr. Innes

Call to Worship Micah 5:2-5a

*Hymn 154

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Wonderful Candle

+ Jack and Julie, Jack, Jorie and Jessie Roberts +

1st Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38 Pastor Benson

2nd Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-56 Lisa Ann Abrancess, Reader

+The children's bulletin's for today are based on this passage +

Our Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*Hymn 183

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 144

For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed

Sermon Luke 1:28, 42

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Hymn 495

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

*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!

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SERVING TODAY

Greeter: None Scheduled
Ushers: Bud Clark
Reader: LisaAnn Abranchess
Nursery/Assistant: Mary Hamilton
Sound Tech: None Scheduled
Snack: Martha Reitman

SERVING NEXT WEEK: December 27

Greeter: To Be Announced
Ushers: To Be Announced
Reader: Bill Anderson
Nursery/Assistant: Betty Sloat
Sound Tech: To Be Announced
Snack: To Be Announced

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Friday Jesus, Svea Southall
Saturday Brad Johnson

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

THIS WEEK

Today 9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
Tuesday 10:00 AM Women’s Bible Study
Thursday 10:00 PM Christmas Eve

THE SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

- Watch the lighting of the Christ Candle
- Hear the story of redemption in Scripture
- Sing the great carols of Christmas
- Enjoy the special music
- Participate in the candle lighting ceremony
- Share the joy with your family & friends

Next Sunday, December 27 – The 1st Sunday after Christmas

11:00 AM “CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE CAROL SERVICE

Our annual singing extravaganza – everyone gets a chance to choose two stanzas of their favorite Christmas Carol from the Hymnal – numbers 120 to 200. Lots of choices!

Sunday School will not be held on December 27 or January 3

Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, December 20:

1 Samuel 2:18-26	A boy wearing a linen ephod
Colossians 3:12-17	What the well-dressed believer wears
Luke 2:41-52	What Mary didn't know

School Supplies for Afghan children – according to Phil Zeman, who is deployed in Afghanistan, there is a great need! If anyone is interested in donating to a “school supply” care package, please contact Kristin Zeman. Donations can be put in the box next to the credenza.

A Sign-up Sheet for Holiday Volunteers is on the table in the hallway. If you will be here next Sunday, or for the Sundays after Christmas and New Years, please consider volunteering to serve as a Greeter, Usher, Candle Lighter, Advent Wreath Lighting, Scripture Reader, Nursery Attendant or Assistant; Sound Tech or Snack. We need your help when so many are away.

Christmas Eve Service – Join us at 10 PM on Thursday, December 24, for the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols. Invite your friends, neighbors, out of town guests and family members to enjoy this festive service filled with Scripture, Special Music and Christmas Carols.

In the Covenant Companion: “A Radically Simple Wish” – Daniel de Roulet explains his unorthodox Christmas list. *Note from JSB – “This one is so good that I posted it on the bulletin board and made copies for those of you who don't subscribe. Copies are on the credenza!”* Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

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.

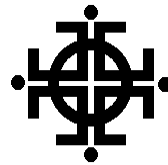
How to contact Pastor Benson: By phone (703-451-6624; 703-455-4150; 703-505-0626) by mail (6624 Reynard Drive, Springfield, VA 22152) or by email (johnsbenson@hotmail.com). Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

Covenant Crafters is Back! We will meet in January for crafting and Hobo soup. Date to be determined, but probably toward the end or middle of the month. Watch for a sign-up sheet!

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

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



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