

THE “CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE CAROL” SERVICE
The Sunday after Christmas – December 27, 2009 – 11AM

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Angels from the Realms of Glory – arr. Whitworth

Call to Worship

Colossians 3:16-17

Christmas Carol Singing

Choose two stanzas of any hymn from #120 to #200
(except for #134, which the organist refuses to play)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

Bill Anderson, Reader

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

Our Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

+ Children age 3 to 2nd grade are dismissed for Jr. Jamboree +

*Prayer of Dedication

Christmas Carol Singing

Sermon

Luke 2:43.49-50

WHAT MARY DIDN’T KNOW

Christmas Carol 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!

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SERVING TODAY

Greeter: None Scheduled
Ushers: None Scheduled
Reader: Bill Anderson
Nursery/Assistant: Betty Sloat
Sound Tech: None Scheduled
Snack: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK: January 3

Greeter: To Be Announced
Ushers: Paul Seguin
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery/Assistant: Betty Sloat
Sound Tech: To Be Announced
Snack: Lynda Seguin
Communion: To Be Announced

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Thursday Courtney Sanders
Sunday Russ Dumas

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

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 11:00 AM Choose a Favorite Carol Service

Friday NEW YEAR’S DAY 2010

Next Sunday, January 3 – The 2nd Sunday after Christmas

11:00 AM The Celebration of Holy Communion

+ Sunday School will not be held on January 3 +

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

Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, January 3:

Jeremiah 31:7-14	Gladness replaces sorrow
Ephesians 1:3-14	A plan for the fullness of time
John 1:1-18	Grace upon grace

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.

Please pray for our Angel Tree kids: Chandler, Yusif, Elijah, Kenneth, Darjanay, Aniyah, Joanna, Alejandro, Ikenna and Deven. Also, pray for their parents: Mabel, Don, Marilina, Kenneth, Darnell, Alisha, Neelab and Ramananda.

Thanks! To Gordon Sloat, Bill Anderson and the Hamiltons for cleaning the parking lot after the big snow storm. And to all who participated in the Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols.

Book Discussion scheduled for Sunday, January 17, at 6:30 PM in the church kitchen. Read either Frankenstein or Dracula (or both) and join the discussion of the themes and issues raised in these classics.

In the Covenant Companion: “A Radically Simple Wish” – Daniel de Roulet explains his unorthodox Christmas list. 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.

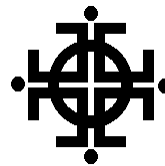
How to contact Pastor Benson: By phone (703-451-6624; 703-455-4150; 703-505-0626) by mail (6624 Reynard Drive, Springfield, VA 22152) or by email (johnsbenson@hotmail.com). Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

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!

Pastor John and Sandy Benson will be Connecticut early this week visiting with family members, attending to some details regarding their house, and purchasing a snow blower! They plan to return Wednesday. To contact them, call 703-503-0626, 571-201-9299 or 860-632-9617.

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



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