

<u>December 27</u>		<u>January 3</u>	
Provide Bread & Prepare	Rusks	Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Sue Courtney	Communion	
Greeter	Susan Guy	Greeter	
Worship Leader	Connie Schindler	Worship Leader	
Deacons	Sue Courtney	Deacons	
	Christine Denny		
	Hal Rusk		
Communion Prayer	Donna Rusk	Communion Prayer	
Fellowship Set Up/Clean	Drue Cavanaugh	Fellowship Set Up/Clean	
Fellowship Refreshments	Drue Cavanaugh	Fellowship Refreshments	
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh	Church Transportation	Hal Rusk
	986-3737		277-7475

Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3
	Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.		Happy New Year	Men's Group 8:00 a.m.	By-Laws Meeting Following Worship
					Office Closed		

Financial Notes	
December 20, 2015	
Total Deposit	\$6,322



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# covenant christian church



december 27, 2015

We are spiritual seekers  
working to grow in our love of God,  
deepening our connection to each other and  
sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

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come journey together . . .

December 27, 2015  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
First Sunday of Christmas

**A WORD OF WELCOME**

Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row.

**PRELUDE** "Holiday Medley" arr Hayes

**\*OPENING HYMN #148** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**\*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Susan Guy

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.

**And the Word was God.**

He was in the beginning with God.

**All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.**

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

**He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.**

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,**

**the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.**

*John 1*

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Susan Guy

*Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.*

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #143** (verse 2) "Joy to the World"

**Joy to the world, the savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC** Believe from "The Polar Express" Ballard and Silivstrini

**A TIME WITH THE YOUNG**

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

**WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD** Luke 2:41-52 pg. 59

Susan Guy

**MORNING PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD** "And Jesus Increased"

Rev. Paul Witmer

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #151** "The First Noel"

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

Call to Giving

Susan Guy

Offertory "Fum, Fum, Fum" arr Judith and Huntsinger

\*Response of Praise #162 (verse 3)

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come rich and poor, to own him, the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:**

**haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

\*Prayer for the Consecration of Gifts

Susan Guy

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*All are invited to the table of the Lord. We individually partake of the bread and cup.*

*Please serve the person next to you by holding the tray.*

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Donna Rusk

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "He is Born" arr Wilhelmi

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE AND COMMITMENT #164** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

**\*POSTLUDE** "Ding Dong, Merrily on High" arr Krogstad

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Please join us for fellowship and coffee following worship.*

**Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister  
Judith Henry, Music Director**