

February 18	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Rusk
Greeter	
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Donna Rusk
Deacons	Jay Sohn Julie McClatchey
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	Jay Sohn
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

February 25	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	
Greeter	
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	
Communion Prayer	
Deacons	
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	Rita Strohman
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 22	Feb. 23	Feb. 24	Feb. 25
Adult SS <u>8:45 p.m.</u> Worship 10:00 a.m.	Paul on Vacation - 2/27		Out-to-Lunch <u>11:30 a.m.</u> Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.		Women's Group 8:30 a.m.	Adult SS <u>8:45 a.m.</u> Worship <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Guest Minister <u>Sue Woods</u> Week of Compassion Offering
Food Pantry <u>Sunday</u> Week of Compassion Offering	Office Closed		Meal at 5:30 p.m. Study 6-7:30 p.m.				
			Choir 7:30 p.m.				

covenant christian church



february 18, 2018

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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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A WORD OF WELCOME

Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row.
If you have prayer requests you'd like lifted up in prayer, please write them on the insert provided on the back of the pew.

PRELUDE "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" arr Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Donna Rusk

Are you foolish enough to love?

**'Tis a fearful thing
to love what death can touch.**

Do you love so much that you become foolish?

**'Tis a holy thing
to love, to hope, to dream, to be.**

All who love are fools, but holy ones.

We are here, all of us, holy fools, seeking to love Jesus.

***OPENING HYMN #477** "Pass It On"

***GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)**

Donna Rusk

O Holy One, help us to love you with our whole hearts.

Let nothing hinder that passion in our souls.

Meet us here and now, with all the foolishness of that desire. Amen.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #477 (refrain)**

**I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.**

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "Are Ye Able, Said the Master" Chris and Judith

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

(Please join us in supporting the local food pantry with your gifts.)

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Mark 1:9-15 pg. 34 Donna Rusk

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD

"Lovers and Fools"

Rev. Paul Witmer

deepening our connection to each other . . .

MORNING PRAYERS/PASTORAL PRAYER *(Please share your prayer concerns in writing.)*

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #305 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will come forward to the communion table as a sign of our commitment and response to Christ's gracious invitation and loving presence. If you are unable to come forward, a deacon will bring the elements to you.

INVITATION AND CALL TO GIVING

Donna Rusk

COMMUNION PRAYER (Unison)

As the bread which we break was scattered over the mountains and when brought together became one, so let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your eternal realm; for yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ for evermore. *CH 394 (Didache, 2nd Century)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "Just As I Am" Bradbury/arr Lopez

All are invited to the table of the Lord. You may come forward to the table to receive the gift of communion and make your gift in response.

. . . and sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

***SONG OF SENDING FORTH #344** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

***POSTLUDE** Excerpt from "Sonata in F Minor" Beethoven

***BENEDICTION**

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

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