

January 1
 Provide Bread & Prepare
 Communion Karen Vroman
 Greeter
 Candle Lighter
 Worship Leader Drue Cavanaugh
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 Fellowship Refreshments Jane Shane
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Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 4	Jan. 5	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8
	Office Closed	Meal to UPD	Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.		Men's Group 8:00 a.m.	Adult SS 8:45 a.m.

covenant christian church



january 1, 2017

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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January 1, 2017
Worship 10:00 a.m.

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 "Joy to the World" arr Lanz

*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)

Drue Cavanaugh

I will recount the gracious deeds of God.

It was no messenger or angel but God's presence that saved us.

Praiseworthy are the acts of the Lord.

God is with us, God's presence saves us.

Based on Isaiah 63:7-9

*OPENING HYMN #168 "Down to Earth"

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Drue Cavanaugh

**Almighty God, your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.**

**Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;**

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chalice Worship

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #164 (Verse 2)

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Now you hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "Children, Go Where I Send Thee" arr J. Martin

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Matthew 2:13-23 pg. 2 Drue Cavanaugh

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

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.**

Sung Response

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help, the Lord is my salvation.

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WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "Dreamers and Doers" Rev. Paul Witmer

Sung Response

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(Deacons may come to the table.)

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

Drue Cavanaugh

COMMUNION PRAYER (Responsive)

Creator God, we bless you for making all things and pronouncing them good.

**We thank you that when we have misused your gifts, you have not left us alone, but
sought us out in Jesus Christ.**

The bread which we break and the cup which we drink remind us that Christ,
though crucified, lives.

**By the gift of your Holy Spirit make Christ known again to us that we may take fresh hope
and live in his presence each day. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

*SONG OF SENDING FORTH #163 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

*POSTLUDE "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

*BENEDICTION

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

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