

**January 3**

Provide Bread & Prepare  
 Communion Karen Vroman  
 Greeter Sue Courtney  
 Candle Lighter Shelby Warwick  
 Worship Leader Karen Vroman  
 Deacons Jay Sohn  
 Julie McClatchey  
 Sue Courtney  
 Kristin Warwick

Communion Prayer Erin Hiscox  
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean Rusks  
 Fellowship Refreshments Jay Sohn  
 Julie McClatchey

Church Transportation Hal Rusk  
 277-7475

**January 10**

Provide Bread & Prepare  
 Communion Doug Minear  
 Greeter Doug Minear  
 Candle Lighter Addison Chambers  
 Worship Leader Donna Rusk  
 Deacons Erin Hiscox  
 Doug Minear  
 Tom Small  
 Linda Small

Communion Prayer  
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean  
 Fellowship Refreshments  
 Church Transportation Hal Rusk  
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| Jan. 3                                  | Jan. 4           | Jan. 5 | Jan. 6   | Jan. 7  | Jan. 8                            | Jan. 9 | Jan. 10               |
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| By-Laws Meeting<br>Following<br>Worship | Office<br>Closed |        | Centering<br>Prayer<br>12-12:30 p.m.<br><br>Choir<br>7:30 p.m. | 11th Step<br>Centering<br>Prayer<br>6:30 p.m. | Friday<br>Fellowship<br>6:30 p.m. |        | Adult SS<br>8:45 a.m. |

Financial Notes  
 Dec. 27, 2015  
 Total Deposit \$16,297



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# covenant christian church



january 3, 2016

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 3, 2016  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
"The Work of Christmas is Begun"

**A WORD OF WELCOME**

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

**PRELUDE** "Masters In This Hall" arr Hayes

*The work of Christmas is begun*

**\*OPENING HYMN #469** "I Am the Light of the World!"

**\*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Karen Vroman

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost, To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music from the heart.*  
Howard Thurman

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #469** "I Am the Light of the World!"

"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!"  
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

*To find the lost; to heal the broken*

**READING** Matthew 11:28-30 pg. 12

Tommie Warwick

**WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC** "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" arr. Martin

*To feed the hungry; to release the prisoner*

**READING** Isaiah 58:6-10 pg. 688

Connie Schindler

**HYMN #661** "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Colossians 3:12-17 pg. 198

Karen Vroman

*To rebuild the nations*

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

Don Hiscox

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.

To bring peace among brothers and sisters

**WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD** "Desiderata"

Erin Hiscox

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #162** "What Child Is This"

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

Call to Giving  
Offertory Excerpt from Sonata in F Mozart  
\*Response of Praise #172 "We Three Kings" (verse 3)  
Glorious now behold him arise; Christ and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.  
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.  
\*Prayer for the Consecration of Gifts

Karen Vroman

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*To make music from the heart*

**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

Don Hiscox

COMMUNION PRAYER

Erin Hiscox

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Don Hiscox

FEAST OF JOY "I Wonder as I Wander" Niles/arr Hayes

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #159** "There's a Song in the Air!"

**\*POSTLUDE** "Go, Tell It On the Mountain" arr Wolaver

**\*BENEDICTION** "If, as Herod"

Connie Schindler

Please join us for fellowship and coffee following worship.

Judith Henry, Music Director