

**January 31**

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Karen Vroman
Greeter	Sue Courtney
Candle Lighter	Shelby Warwick
Worship Leader	Connie Schindler
Deacons	Linda Yeoman Derek Roberts Corby Roberts VeeAnn Cartwright
Communion Prayer	Karen Vroman
Fellowship	Potluck
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 277-7574

**February 7**

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

Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 7
Adult SS 8:45 a.m.			Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	CFUM Supper	Men's Group 8:00 a.m.	Adult SS 8:45 a.m.
Souper Sunday			Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	11th Step Centering Prayer 6:30 p.m.			By-Laws Meeting After Worship
	Office Closed						

**Souper Journey Sunday!**  
**Following Worship Today**

Join us for a Souper Sunday and fellowship time following worship today. We'll take this time to share some fellowship time, and also take the opportunity to spend some time organizing our **Journey Teams** for the work of 2016.

Financial Notes  
January 24, 2016  
Total Deposit     \$1,177.00



Please note that our sound system is equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop. If you are wearing hearing aids, please turn on "T Coil" mode for best hearing assistance.

covenant christian church



january 31, 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 31, 2016  
Worship 10:00 a.m.

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As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.*

#### 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.

PRELUDE "Go Down, Moses/Wade in the Water" arr Shackley

\*OPENING HYMN (see insert) "All Are Welcome" (Verses 1-3)

\*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive) Connie Schindler

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as God has welcomed us.**

When we say "All," who do we mean, exactly?

**As God's grace is present in all creation, our welcome is extended to all spiritual  
seekers—people of all races, all ethnic backgrounds, all generations, all physical and  
mental abilities, all economic conditions, all gender identities, all sexual  
orientations—celebrating the diversity of our faith journeys.**

And when we say, "Welcome." What does that mean, exactly?

**We affirm the faith, baptism and spiritual gifts of all and invite you to bless this  
church with your presence and service.**

We gather for the Lord's supper, as often as possible, experiencing at this table the  
gracious, forgiving presence of Jesus Christ.

**We participate in God's mission for the world, working with partners to heal the  
brokenness of creation and bring justice and peace to the whole human family.**

*Disciples Identity Statements and Covenant's Statement of Welcome*

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "All Are Welcome" (Verse 4)

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.**

**Here the outcast and the stranger bears the image of God's face,  
let us bring an end to fear and danger;**

**all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "People of the Light" J. Martin

#### TIME WITH THE YOUNG

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Luke 7:36-50 pg. 66 Connie Schindler

MORNING PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please share your prayer concerns in writing.)

Sung Response

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

**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 "Who Would Jesus Welcome?" Rev. Paul Witmer

Sung Response: (Deacons may come to the table)

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God.**

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life.**

#### OFFERING OF GIFTS

Call to Giving

Connie Schindler

Offertory "Kum Ba Yah" arr Sanborn

\*Response of Praise "All Are Welcome" (Verse 5)

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace.**

**Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter;**

**all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

\*Prayer for the Consecration of Gifts

Connie Schindler

#### 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

Karen Vroman

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "Little Star" arr J. Brickman

\*HYMN OF PRAISE AND COMMITMENT #340 "Softly and Tenderly"

\*POSTLUDE "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying" Medema

#### \*BENEDICTION

*Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.*

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