

January 7	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Drue Cavanaugh
Greeter	
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Drue Cavanaugh
Deacons	Jay Sohn Julie McClatchey
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	Jay Sohn
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 321-8974

January 14	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Jay Sohn
Greeters	Lundys
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	
Deacons	Drue Cavanaugh Russ Lundy Betty Lou Lundy
Communion Prayer	
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 321-8974

Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan. 14
Adult SS 8:45 p.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.  Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  Book Club 11:30 a.m.	Friday Fellowship 6:00 p.m.		Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.  Board Meeting Following Worship

Financial Notes	
December 24, 2017	
Total Deposit	\$13,041.00



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# covenant christian church



january 7 2018

We are spiritual seekers  
working to grow in our love of God,  
deepening our connection to each other and

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come journey together...

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Worship 10:00 a.m.

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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** "We Three Kings" arr Wolaver

**\*OPENING HYMN #172** "We Three Kings"

**\*GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)**

Drue Cavanaugh

O God of a Thousand Faces,  
who sees through all our pretenses  
to that silent, secret space within  
where our true spirit sojourns,  
prune away all that mask our best intentions  
and all those quick defenses that disguise who we really are.  
Open us up to you and to all who would touch the truth of our being,  
so all may see the integrity of lives given over to you,  
now and forever. Amen

*Miriam Therese Winter, pg. 597*

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #172 Refrain**

**O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC** "God Rest Ye Merry Gentle Ones"

Piano Duet

**WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD** Mark 1:4-11 pg. 34

Drue Cavanaugh

**WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD** "Up From Water"

Rev. Paul Witmer

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

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.

**SUNG RESPONSE** "Your Light Has Come"

**Lift your head, raise your eyes, look around:  
Your light has come, your light has come.**

**Light the world, heal the earth, bear the Christ:  
Your light has come, your light has come.**

**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)

Gracious God, once again we are guests at your table. You have made a place for us here.  
**You remind us with bread and cup, love outpoured, our presence here matters.**

Let us taste and see the goodness of God, who feeds us, fills us, and sends us forth.

**We offer to you our sacrifices—our weak bodies, our divided minds, our broken spirits.**

We know that you can take us in our brokenness and transform us into a living sacrifice,  
good and acceptable.

**May Christ's love be seen in our daily lives as we move out from this table of love. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" (Huron Carol) 16th Century French Melody  
*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 #167** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

**\*POSTLUDE** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" arr M. Kimm

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

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