

**January 8**

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Jay Sohn
Greeter	Gretchen Pope
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Geoff Wall
Deacons	Jay Sohn Julie McClatchey
Communion Prayer	
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	Jay Sohn
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 277-7574

**January 15**

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Drue Cavanaugh
Greeter	Sue Courtney
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Linda Yeoman
Deacons	Sue Courtney Drue Cavanaugh
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 277-7574

Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15
Adult SS 8:45 a.m.			Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	Friday Fellowship Group 6:00 p.m.		Adult SS 8:45 a.m.
	Office Closed		Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Book Club 11:30 a.m.			Food Pantry Sunday
			Choir 7:30 p.m.				

**Friday Fellowship**  
**Friday, Jan. 13 - 6:00 p.m.**  
 at the home of Ron & Sue Stookey  
 Please RSVP: 276-3568 or [suestookey@att.net](mailto:suestookey@att.net)  
 Please bring appetizer or dessert

**Financial Notes**  
**January 1, 2017**  
**Total Deposit \$1,159.00**



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# covenant christian church



january 8, 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 8, 2017  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
First Sunday of Epiphany

**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** "Rise Up Shepherds and Follow" arr Hayes

**\*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Geoff Wall

One day the Sun admitted,  
"I am just a shadow. I wish I could show you the  
Infinite Incandescence that has cast my brilliant image!  
I wish I could show you, when you are lonely or in darkness,  
the Astonishing Light of your own being!"  
Even After All this time The Sun never says to the Earth,  
"You owe me."  
Look What happens With a love like that, It lights the whole sky.

Hafiz, 14th Century

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

**\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Geoff Wall

Lord Jesus, may your light shine upon our way,  
as once it guided the steps of the magi:  
that we too may be led into your presence  
and worship you,  
the Child of Mary,  
the Word of Wisdom,  
the Ruler of Nations,  
the Savior of all;  
to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Frank Colquhoun

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #469 (Refrain)**

"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.

**WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC** "I Know Now" Hildebrand

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG**

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Isaiah 60:1-5 pg. 690

Geoff Wall

**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**

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.

**WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD**

"Our Light"

Rev. Paul Witmer

**Sung Response**

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

Geoff Wall

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "He Is Lord with O Come, Let Us Adore Him" arr Hayes

**\*SONG OF SENDING FORTH #172** "We Three Kings"

**\*POSTLUDE** "We Three Kings" arr Wolaver

**\*BENEDICTION**

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister  
Judith Henry, Music Director