

<u>July 24</u>	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion Greeter	Karen Vroman
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Donna Rusk
Deacons	Drue Cavanaugh Karen Vroman
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Jane Shane
Fellowship Refreshments	Jane Shane
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 277-7574

<u>July 31</u>	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion Greeter	Sue Courtney
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Connie Schindler
Communion Prayer	
Deacons	Sue Courtney
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 277-7574

July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31
"Christmas in July"	Office Closed	Paul on Vacation through July 29	Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.  Bike Night 5:30 p.m.				"Coffee House"

<u>Financial Notes</u>	
July 17, 2016	
Total Deposit	\$1,485.73



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# covenant christian church



july 24, 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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come journey together . . .

July 24, 2016  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
"Christmas in July"

### 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 "Little Drummer Boy" Davis and Onarati/arr Harry Simeone "

\*OPENING HYMN #143 "Joy to the World"

\*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)

Donna Rusk

Let us rejoice in God, our Sovereign,  
whose salvation comes in everyday events.

**In the face of a child God is revealed.**

**In the babe of Bethlehem we are healed.**

Let us give thanks with our whole hearts,  
for God is gracious and merciful.

**In the food we eat God's love is shown.**

**As the bread is broken our worth is known.**

Let us worship the God of wondrous works,  
who offers to enter into covenant with us.

**In the gift of Christ we receive a new name.**

**Salvation comes and nothing is the same.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #148 Verse 2

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,**

**sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God, all glory in the highest;**

**O come let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.**

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "Gesu Bambino" Martins and Yon

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Luke 2:8-20 pg. 58 Donna Rusk

MORNING PRAYERS/THE LORD'S 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 #147 Verse 3

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "Treasure and Ponder" Rev. Paul Witmer

Sung Response #147 Verse 1

**Away in a manger no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.  
(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 PRAYER (Responsive)

Donna Rusk

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,

**Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

Truly God, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
word of God, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,

**Christ will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "In the Bleak Midwinter" Gustaf Holst/arr Purifoy

\*SONG OF SENDING FORTH #150 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

\*POSTLUDE "Let It Snow" arr Keveren

### \*BENEDICTION

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

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

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.