

March 4	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Jay Sohn
Greeter	
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Connie Schindler
Deacons	Linda Yeoman Jay Sohn Julie McClatchey
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Rusk
Fellowship Refreshments	Jay Sohn
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 321-8974

March 11	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Karen Vroman
Greeter	
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	
Communion Prayer	
Deacons	Tom Small Linda Small Marsha Ratashak
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Karen Vroman
Fellowship Refreshments	
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 321-8974

Mar. 4	Mar. 5	Mar. 6	Mar. 7	Mar. 8	Mar. 9	Mar. 10	Mar. 11
Adult SS 8:45 p.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	Board , Search Committee & Reg. Minister Meet 6:30 p.m.		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Study 6-7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Book Club 11:30 a.m.	No Friday Fellowship	Dinner Celebrating Paul's Ministry Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.	Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting After Worship
Search Committee Meets Following Worship	Office Closed		Choir 7:30 p.m.				

Financial Notes	
January 2018	
Total Deposit	\$6,803.05



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covenant christian church



march 4, 2018

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...

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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 "When Morning Gilds the Sky" arr Carter

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Connie Schindler

Why should I wish to see God better than this day?

I see something of God in each hour of the twenty-four, and each moment then,

In the faces of men and women I see God, and in my own face in the glass;

I find letters from God dropped in the street, and every one is signed by God's name.

And I leave them where they are, for I know that others will punctually come forever and ever.

Walt Whitman

*OPENING HYMN #16 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*GATHERING PRAYER (Unison) Connie Schindler

May the God of love who is the source of all our affection for each other formed here on earth take our friendships into love's keeping, that they may continue and increase throughout life and beyond it, in Jesus Christ our Lord. *William Temple*

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

O tender God, have mercy, for you are for us.

O living Christ, have mercy, for you will heal us.

O tender God, have mercy, for you are for us, for you are for us.

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "Days of Elijah" Robin Marks

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Mark 9:33-37 pg. 45 Connie Schindler

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "A Fool to Love and Serve" Rev. Paul Witmer

deepening our connection to each other . . .

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

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.

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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

Connie Schindler

COMMUNION PRAYER (Responsive)

God, our gracious host, we love your holy name.

We thank you that you work with those who love you for the good of all creation.

As in Jesus Christ you fed multitudes with a bread beyond price, so we now come to you—
hungry, asking for the bread of inner peace, the bread of strength and courage, the bread of hope.

We pray for the peace, strength and hope that your Spirit can give, so that we may live the kind of life to which we have been called.

We eat and drink as one. Help us to live, work and witness as one, bound together in love by your Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "Reflection from Mulan" arr J. Brickman

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 #600 "Jesu, Jesu"

*POSTLUDE "Amen" arr Schrader

*BENEDICTION

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

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