

**September 10**  
 Provide Bread & Prepare  
 Communion Drue Cavanaugh  
 Greeters Ron & Sue Stookey  
 Candle Lighter  
 Worship Leader Connie Schindler  
 Deacons Karen Vroman  
 Jay Sohn  
 Julie McClatchey  
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up  
 Fellowship Refreshments Derek Roberts  
 Church Transportation Hal Rusk  
 321-8974

**September 17**  
 Provide Bread & Prepare  
 Communion Russ & Betty Lou  
 Lundy  
 Sue Courtney  
 Greeter  
 Candle Lighter  
 Worship Leader  
 Deacons Sue Courtney  
 Russ Lundy  
 Betty Lou Lundy  
 Communion Prayer  
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up  
 Fellowship Refreshments  
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Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17
Adult SS 8:45 p.m.  Worship 10:00 a.m.	Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.  Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  Book Club 11:30 a.m.			Adult SS 8:45 a.m.  Worship 10:00 a.m.  Food Pantry

covenant christian church



september 10, 2017

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 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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**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** "Majesty" Hayford/arr Raney

**\*OPENING HYMN #371** "Wade in the Water"

**\*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Connie Schindler

For freedom Christ has set us free.

**Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to yoke of slavery.**

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;

**Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.**

For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

**The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.**

If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*Galatians 5*

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #371 Refrain**

**Wade in the water,**

**wade in the water, children,**

**wade in the water, God's agonna trouble the water.**

**WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC** "Shout to the Lord"

Schrader/Zscheck

**WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD** Exodus 1:15-22 pg. 49

Connie Schindler

**WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD** "Birthing Freedom"

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

**SUNG RESPONSE** "God Is Holding Your Life"

**God is holding your life, God is holding your life, we believe.**

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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)

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 "Canzonetta" Schutt

*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 #630** "We Shall Overcome"

**\*POSTLUDE** "Bagatelle in D" Beethoven

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

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