

| September 11 | |
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| Provide Bread & Prepare | |
| Communion | Rusks |
| Greeters | Rusks |
| Candle Lighter | |
| Worship Leader | Linda Yeoman |
| Deacons | Connie Schindler Hal Rusk Drue Cavanaugh |
| Sunday School Teacher | Donna Rusk |
| Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up | Jane Shane |
| Fellowship Refreshments | Jane Shane |
| Church Transportation | Hal Rusk 277-7574 |

| September 18 | |
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| Provide Bread & Prepare | |
| Communion | Lundys |
| Greeter | |
| Candle Lighter | Addison Chambers |
| Worship Leader | Erin Hiscox |
| Deacons | Linda Yeoman Marsha Ratashak |
| Sunday School Teacher | Donna Rusk |
| Communion Prayer | |
| Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up | Rusks |
| Fellowship Refreshments | Rusks |
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| Sept. 11 | Sept. 12 | Sept. 13 | Sept. 14 | Sept. 15 | Sept. 16 | Sept. 17 | Sept. 18 |
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| Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Children's SS 10:15 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. | | Labyrinth Day 8:30 a.m.- Noon | Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Children's SS 10:15 a.m. Food Pantry Sunday |

**Labyrinth Retreat
and Silent Saturday
September 17, 8:30-noon**

Join us for prayer, quiet reflection, and time to walk and explore our new "labyrinth park." The day will include refreshments and times of centering prayer. Join us!



Please note that our sound system is equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop. If you are wearing hearing aids, please turn on "T Coil" mode for best hearing assistance.

covenant christian church



september 11, 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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September 11, 2016
Worship 10:00 a.m.

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD “What if God Was One of Us?” Rev. John Chaplin

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 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” Southern Harmony/arr Shackley

*OPENING HYMN #66 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)

Linda Yeoman

The world belongs to God,
the earth and all its people.
How good and how lovely it is
to live together in unity.
Love and faith come together,
justice and peace join hands.
If the Lord's disciples keep silent
these stones would shout aloud.
Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Here in this Place”

Holy one may your presence here open our minds.
May your Spirit among us help us to find
you are rising up now like a fountain of grace
from the holy ground. Here in this place. Here in this place.

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC “On Eagles Wings” Joncas/arr M. Hayes

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

Donna Rusk

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Luke 15:1-10 pg. 78

Linda Yeoman

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.

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #16 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

Linda Yeoman

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 “Solace and Precious Lord, Take My Hand” S. Joplin/ arr by Judith

*SONG OF SENDING FORTH #627 “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

*POSTLUDE “Excerpt from Impromptu” Thompson

*BENEDICTION

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

*Rev. John Chaplin, Guest Minister
Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister
Judith Henry, Music Director*