

September 20

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Lynn Heuss
Greeter	Doug Minear
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Drue Cavanaugh
Deacons	Doug Minear Russ Lundy Betty Lou Lundy
Communion Prayer	
Sunday School Teacher	Donna Rusk
Fellowship Set Up/Clean	Linda Yeoman
Fellowship Refreshments	Linda Yeoman
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk

September 27- 50th Anniversary

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	
Greeter	Gretchen Pope
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Lynn Heuss
Deacons	Doug Minear Connie Schindler Erin Hiscox
Communion Prayer	
Fellowship Set Up/Clean	Potluck
Fellowship Refreshments	Potluck
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 277-7574

Sept. 20	Sept. 21	Sept. 22	Sept. 23	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Sept. 26	Sept. 27
Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Children's SS 10:15 a.m. Food Pantry Sunday 50th Anniversary (if needed)	Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m. Congregational Gathering 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m. 11th Step Centering Prayer 6:30 p.m.		50th Anniversary Reunion Dee McCaleb Memorial 2-4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall	Adult SS 8:45 a.m. 50th Anniversary Reunion Continued

**Becoming a Church of Welcome
and Grace**
Wednesday, September 23
The Practice of Welcome and Grace

Join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. and conversation and exploration to follow.

Celebrate the Anniversary of
Covenant Christian
Saturday, Sept. 26 - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at First Christian Church

Sunday, Sept. 27 - 10:00 a.m.
**Worship & Fellowship Potluck
at Covenant**

Financial Notes
Sept. 13, 2015
Total Deposit \$1,709.25



HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-coil mode
www.covenant.org

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 20, 2015

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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2700 72nd street urbandale, iowa 50322



September 20, 2015
Worship 10:00 a.m.

A WORD OF WELCOME

(Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row.
Please see the video slideshow for announcements of upcoming events at Covenant.)

PRELUDE *“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”* arr Shackley

***OPENING HYMN #61** *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”*

***GATHERING PRAYER (Responsive)**

Drue Cavanaugh

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all.
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.
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***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Drue Cavanaugh

Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

***PRAYER THROUGH SONG #63**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name.
O Lord, we magnify your name: Prince of Peace, Mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.
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WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC *“The Rose”* Mendelssohn

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG

(Please join us in supporting the local food pantry with your gifts.)

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Mark 9:30-37 pg. 45 Drue Cavanaugh

MORNING PRAYERS/THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD **“Whoever Welcomes”** Rev. Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION (see insert) *“The Summons”*

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 Drue Cavanaugh

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY *“On Wings of Song”* Mendelssohn

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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE AND COMMITMENT #600** *“Jesu, Jesu”*

***POSTLUDE** *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”* Kendrick/arr Keveren

***BENEDICTION**

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister
Judith Henry, Music Director

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THE SUMMONS

By John Bell

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go Where your love and footsteps show.
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