

**September 27**

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

**October 4**

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	
Greeter	Ron & Sue Stookey
Candle Lighter	Addison Chambers
Worship Leader	
Deacons	Doug Minear Erin Hiscox
Communion Prayer	
Sunday School Teacher	VeeAnn Cartwright
Fellowship Set Up/Clean	Doug Minear
Fellowship Refreshments	Doug Minear
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

Sept. 27	Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4
50th Anniversary  Adult SS 8:45 a.m.	    Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.  Board Meeting <u>6:00 p.m.</u> Choir 7:30 p.m.  Paul on vacation		CFUM Dinner	Men's Group 8:00 a.m.	Adult SS <u>8:45 a.m.</u> Children's SS <u>10:15 a.m.</u> Reconciliation Offering <u>Received</u> Geoff Wall Guest Speaker

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# covenant christian church



september 27, 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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September 27, 2015  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
50th Anniversary Weekend

**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** “Old Time Religion/Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” arr Hayes

**\*OPENING HYMN (See Insert)** “All Are Welcome” (Verses 1-3)

**\*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Erin Hiscox

Leader: Covenant Christian Church is an open community of people, who through the Spirit of God, are called to caring and commitment.

**All: This community, nurtured by the Scriptures, provides refuge, renewal, and strength.**

Leader: It is a church active in Christ’s ministry, by encouraging:

**All: Responsible stewardship;**

**Left: Development of faith;**

**Right: Discipleship to others and**

**All: A lively spirit which welcomes and includes others into the community. (Vision 1988)**

Leader: We are spiritual seekers,

**All: Working to grow in our love of God,**

Leader: Deepening our connection to each other

**All: And sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace. (Mission 2008)**

Leader: As God’s grace is present in all creation, our welcome is extended to all spiritual seekers—

**Left: People of all races, all ethnic backgrounds,**

**Right: All generations, all physical and mental abilities,**

Leader: All economic conditions,

**All: All gender identities, all sexual orientations—**

Leader: Celebrating the diversity of our faith journeys.

**All: We affirm the faith, baptism and spiritual gifts of all and invite you to bless this church with your presence and service. (Welcome 2015)**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Erin Hiscox

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

**\*PRAYER THROUGH SONG (See Insert)** “All Are Welcome” (Verses 4-5)

**WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC** “For the Beauty of the Earth” arr John Rutter

**A TIME WITH THE YOUNG**

**WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD** Acts 2:42-47 pg. 120

Erin Hiscox

**BRINGING A WORD OF GREETING**

Former Pastors

**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**

“Back To Our Roots”

Rev. Paul Witmer

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #413** “Take Our Bread”

**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**

Erin Hiscox

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Karen Vroman

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**FEAST OF JOY** “In This Very Room” arr Ron and Carol Harris

*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 #595** “Be Thou My Vision”

**\*POSTLUDE** “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” reprise

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Please join us for a Potluck downstairs following worship.  
There’s room at the table and plenty to share!*

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