

Covenant of Grace Worship Service

September 19, 2021

Share the Good News of the Gospel with a Showbox gift

Help us fill the Shoeboxes at our November Packing Party



- School Supplies
- Bars of Soap
- Toys
- Clothing Items
- Biggest Need: Soccer ball and pumps



Please register with the church office so we know how much food to buy. Also please contact the office about helping to set up or clean up the picnic. Thanks!

Clothing Giveaway
SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 10AM-1PM
ADULT AND CHILDREN'S
CLOTHING DONATIONS TAKEN NOW
SUNDAYS 9-10AM OR M-F 10AM-2PM
OR
SEPT 22ND 6PM-8PM

The week of Sept 20th-24th the fellowship hall will be used to sort clothing in preparation for the giveaway. September 25th we'll need people to set-up, welcome and run the giveaway, then clean-up. Contact Laura Samuel or Jill Burnett to volunteer.

GOD OF COVENANT
JEN WILKIN
Fall Bible Study
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 27TH
Early Registration is VERY helpful in planning

To register go to cogpca.org/womens-bible-study/ or contact Brenda Wilson at wtwilson1@verizon.net

COG Annual Golf Outing
Friday October 1, 2021
@1:30 pm
Quail Valley in Littlestown, PA
Cost of \$65 includes greens fee, cart, and dinner
Register by 9/25
To Sign up Call or Email Jim Beachley 410.549.0275 or jimbeachley@gmail.com

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Mark Samuel

CALL TO WORSHIP
SONG OF PRAISE

Revelation 1:5-7
"Days of Elijah"

INVOCATION

WE EXAMINE OUR HEARTS

Union reading of Psalm 51:1-2, 10, 12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

PRAYER

WE HEAR THE GOSPEL

ROMANS 5:6-9

WE SHARE OUR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
ELDER STEVE BALL

SPECIAL MUSIC

"GOD OF WONDERS"

MUSIC TEAM

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

*1 PETER 1:3-9

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

MESSAGE

New Series: Living Our Faith in Uncertain Times
"JOY DESPITE DIFFICULTIES"
Pastor Herb Ruby

OUR RESPONSE OF FAITH

"GOD OF THIS CITY"

BENEDICTION

*children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to attend Kids worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Church picnic today from 12pm-3pm!

Announcements

Christmas on Display

Help decorate the outside of COG with lights to put the Christmas spirit on full display to our community

Friday, November 26th
Saturday, November 27th
9am-2pm both days

- Three Ways to Participate*
- Pray for those that drive by
 - Help Put up Lights
 - Buy lights (see Announcement email)



Secure online giving for your tithes and offerings is now available @ cogpca.churchcenter.com/giving
Additionally, new offering boxes have been mounted near the exits to the COG Worship Center.

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SERMON NOTES

Joy Despite Difficulties

I Peter 1:3-9

Introduction

Big Idea: Being confident of God's eternal promises in Christ can give us joy despite difficult circumstances.

- I. We can have joy because of the assurance of eternal life as a child of God.
 1. We have a regenerated life in Christ.
 2. Assurance come from the knowledge of Christ's resurrection.
 3. As God's children we have an inheritance that is secure.
- II. We can have joy knowing that God has good purposes even for our trials.
 1. Sustained faith under trial proves it is genuine.
 2. The testing of our faith makes it stronger.
 3. Sustained faith during trial gives God glory.
- III. Growing more in love with Christ results in joy.

New Sermon Series: I Peter: Living Our Faith in Uncertain Times
"Foretelling The Glory"
I Peter 1:10-12
Herb Ruby, preaching