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SCAN ME

**Lord TEACH US TO Pray**

Multi-Generational Christian Education Class  
Begins July 6th at 9:15am  
in the Fellowship Hall

Ages: birth-109  
\*There will be a bin of toys for the restless

**ESOL IN-PERSON CLASSES FALL 2025**

ESOL begins  
September 24, 2025  
Registration September 10th  
@7pm

**WELCOME**

We can always use volunteers!

**Awards Luncheon**

**GOLF OUTING 2025**

Great Prizes including Gowns Tickets

Covenant of Grace PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Quail Valley, Littlestown PA

SHOTGUN START AT 8AM **FRIDAY October 10th** ENTRY FEE \$75pp

REGISTER NOW PAY LATER [jimbeachley@gmail.com](mailto:jimbeachley@gmail.com) 410.340.3172

## Sunday Morning Christian Education

### Children

9:15am "Lord Teach Us to Pray" Fellowship Hall  
10:30am Rainbow Room-Nursery - infant-age 3  
Kids worship during sermon in Room #6- age 3-2nd grade

### Adults

9:15am "Lord Teach Us to Pray" Fellowship Hall  
9:15am Matthew- Room #9  
10:10am Prayer Meeting in the Church Office

**GIVING**

SECURELY GIVE ONLINE OR VIA SANCTUARY GIVING BOXES

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August 3, 2025

# THE BOOK OF ACTS

Embracing our savior, his church, and our partnership in his continuing mission



Covenant of Grace  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:15am Christian Education

\*Coffee and Tea available in the Welcome Center between  
Christian Education and Worship  
10:30am Worship Service

Connect with Us

Covenant of Grace - church office

410-833-2160 [office@cogpca.org](mailto:office@cogpca.org)

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We are so glad you're here! At Covenant of Grace we strive to be a hospitable, gospel-centered fellowship committed to helping people know God, become more like Jesus, and serve his world. As we worship together today, our prayer is that Jesus would be glorified, his word made clear, and his people equipped and empowered to love and serve God & their neighbors. Soli Deo Gloria!  
~Pastor Mark Samuel

## Children @ Covenant of Grace

Your children are welcome in all parts of worship at Covenant of Grace! To help support the full participation of families in worship, we make available a kid's worship program during the sermon for children ages 3 - 2nd grade as well as a nursery and cry room. Christian education classes are available for all ages (see back cover). Have a child with special needs? Please let us know & we'll make every effort to accommodate.

After the Service an Elder will be up front with stickers for children who share what they learned this morning.

## Week at a Glance

### Sun. August 3, 2025

10:30am Worship Service  
6:00pm Youth Group (Verge)

### Tues. August 5, 2025

10:30am Women's Bible Study  
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

### Wed. August 6, 2025

10:00am Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Hymn Sing- Emory Grove

### Thurs. August 7, 2025

7:00pm Men's Bible Study

### Fri. August 8, 2025

8:50am Wo. Prayer Mtg. (Zoom)

# Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

CALL TO WORSHIP..... LIZZY KRAJAN

*adapted from Isaiah 55: 1-3*

SONGS OF PRAISE

O WORSHIP THE KING  
IS HE WORTHY

INVOCATION PRAYER

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of grace and truth, in Christ Jesus you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. We have closed our hands to our neighbor, holding your Son Jesus, the bread of life, as a private blessing not to be shared. Forgive our sin, drive away our doubt, open our fearful hands, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, extend the beauty of your gospel, and live in the truth of Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.....ROMANS 5: 1-2

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH.....ELDER GREG HARD

OUR GIFTS FOR GOD'S GLORY.....TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION

GRASS WITHERS

SCRIPTURE READING\*..... JILL BURNETT

ACTS 22: 30-23:11

THE SERMON.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

"RESURRECTION HOPE"

SONG OF REFLECTION

DEAR REFUGE OF MY WEARY SOUL

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.† The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic‡ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S TABLE

SONG OF COMMITMENT

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

\*Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to attend Kids worship in room #6.

†Jesus' 'descent into hell' refers to His death and burial, God's wrath toward sin being poured out on him in our place.

‡ By 'catholic,' we mean the universal church made up of all Christians who are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.



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**Teresita Metzbower:** Please pray for continued improvement in Teresita's therapy after she had a stroke last week. She has retained her speech and cognitive functions but is weak on the left side.

**Karen Van Fossen:** Pray for Karen's brother-in-law Rich as he begins chemo treatments for advanced prostate cancer.

**Terry Zentz:** Terry is recovering well at Carroll Hospital Center from an infection. She is more alert and talkative with family, friends and staff throughout the day. Pray for strength and the appetite to give her the nutrition she needs.

## Missionary Prayer- RUF

**Reformed University Fellowship known as RUF** connects the big truths of the Bible with the big questions college students face. They reach students for Christ and equip them to serve. COG supports three RUF Campus Ministry staff members:

**Jacob (and Pei) Jasin** -RUF International at Johns Hopkins University. Biblical hospitality is the backbone of RUF International ministries. Jacob works with both graduate and doctoral candidates. One of the students who graduated and was leaving said, "RUF-I is the most important thing in my life in America—more important than my degree."

Pray that God will bring new Christian friends into the lives of the students as they return to their home country.

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