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SCAN ME

YOU'RE INVITED

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 14th
Immediately after church

Spend a relaxing afternoon enjoying old friends and making new ones at the Church Picnic. We'll have lots of food, yard games, a bounce house, cotton candy, and much more.

JOIN US TODAY AFTER SERVICE!

Fall Women's Bible Study

ISAIAH: THE LORD SAVES

By Kathleen Buswell Nielson

Study days / times are as follows:

- Tuesday morning 10:30 to 12
- Tuesday evening 7 to 8:30
- Wednesday morning 10 to 11:30 (childcare provided)
- Wednesday evening (zoom) 7 to 8:30

Begins week of September 15th
Book costs \$15

To Register: contact Brenda Wilson
(wtwilson1@verizon.net)

NEWCOMERS Lunch

September 28, 2025 12:30pm
Pastor Mark's House
Sign up here

Good Food
New Friends
Information about
Covenant of Grace

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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September 14, 2025

THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

Finding significance and
joy when life is a vapor



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

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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. September 14, 2025

10:30am Worship Service
Church Picnic

Mon. September 15, 2025

9:30am Mon-Fri sorting clothes for clothing giveaway

Tues. September 16, 2025

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

Wed. September 17, 2025

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

Thurs. September 18, 2025

11:00am Ladies Game Day

Fri. September 19, 2025

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

Sat. September 20, 2025

8:00am Clothing Giveaway

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

CALL TO WORSHIP.....LIZZY KRAJAN

From Psalm 95: 1-7

SONGS OF PRAISE

LORD I NEED YOU

CHRIST IS MINE FOVEREVERMORE

INVOCATION PRAYER

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE & RENEWAL

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you--only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.....COLOSSIANS 1:13

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH.....ASST. PASTOR KEN HARRIS

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

SONG OF PREPARATION

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

SCRIPTURE READING*.....ECCLESIASTES 2: 1-11, 22-26

THE SERMON.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

"SEARCHING FOR HAPPINESS"

SONG OF REFLECTION

MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic† and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF COMMITMENT

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

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

†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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