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Sunday Morning Christian Education

Children

9:15am "Lord Teach Us to Pray" Fellowship Hall

10:30am Rainbow Room-Nursery - infant-age 3

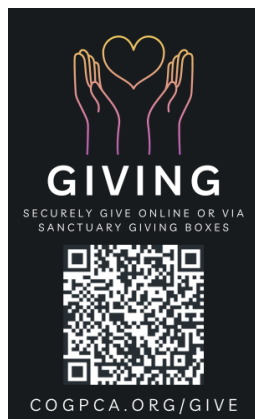
Kids worship during sermon in Room #6- age 3-2nd grade

Adults

9:15am "Lord Teach Us to Pray" Fellowship Hall

9:15am Matthew- Room #9

10:10am Prayer Meeting in the Church Office



September 28, 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 28, 2025

10:30am Worship Service
12:00pm New Comers Lunch
6:00pm Youth Group

Tues. September 30, 2025

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

Wed. October 1, 2025

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

Fri. October 3, 2025

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

CALL TO WORSHIP.....LIZZY KRAJAN
from Psalm 9

SONGS OF PRAISE

CORNERSTONE
ONLY A HOLY GOD

INVOCATION PRAYER

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE & RENEWAL

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 8: 38-39

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

MINISTRY MOMENT.....DEACON BILL HARRIS
TITHES AND OFFERING

SONG OF PREPARATIONEVERYBODY CHOIR
AMAZING GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING*.....BECKY WIGGIN
ECCLESIASTES 3:16-17, 4: 1-6

THE SERMON.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL
"SEARCHING FOR AN END TO OPPRESSION"

SONG OF REFLECTION

TIME

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 SUPPER

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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Linda Davidson: Continue to pray for relief of back pain.

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