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POTLUCK & PRAYER

October 26th

And they devoted themselves... to the
breaking of bread and to prayer. -Acts 2:42

Registration
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Men's Breakfast

R.E.A.L. Men With a Purpose
"Helping Men Become Disciples of Jesus Christ"

Saturday, Nov. 1, 7:15-9:00 AM

Speaker: Matt Sherlock

**Message: "By Heart and Habit:
Making Scripture Stick"**

Cost is ONLY \$10 - Pay online or at the door.



the *power* of
a simple *gift*

Shoe boxes available in the
Welcome Center

There will be no packing party as a church
this year but our goal is 100 boxes filled

Return boxes to the Welcome Center Oct. 26th-Nov. 16th

Sunday Morning Christian Education

Children

9:15am Rainbow Room-infant-3years

9:15am Room 6 - 3years-5th grade

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

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

Adults

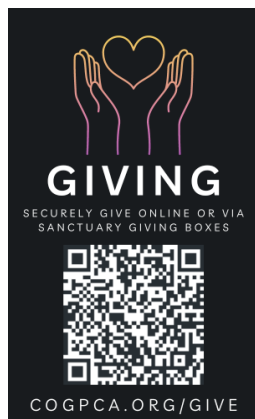
9:15am "A Life of Stewardship" Fellowship Hall

9:15am Matthew- Room #9

9:15am Youth Sunday School - Youth Annex

9:15am Youth Communicants Class- Office

10:10am Prayer Meeting in the Church Office



October 19, 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. October 19, 2025

10:30am Worship Service
6:00pm Youth Group

Tues. October 21, 2025

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

Wed. October 22, 2025

10:00am Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm ESOL
7:00pm Middle School D-Group

Fri. October 24, 2025

8:50am Wo. Prayer Mtg. (Zoom)
Sat. October 25, 2025
10:00am Pumpkin Decorating
Party

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

CALL TO WORSHIP.....JAY HILBERT
from Psalm 96

SONGS OF PRAISE

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH
WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS #412

INVOCATION PRAYER

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.....JOHN 6: 37-40

PASTORAL PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTDEACON BRENDAN BURNETT
TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING OF SONG.....THE COG CHOIR
HEAR THE CALL OF THE KINGDOM

SCRIPTURE READING*.....BETHANY NORSEEN
ECCLESIASTES 5: 8-20

THE SERMON.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL
"THE HARD TRUTH ABOUT MONEY"

SONG OF REFLECTION

BE THOU MY VISION #378

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q. 26
What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by his eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ his Son, my God and my Father. In him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that he will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF COMMITMENT

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

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



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- c. It's an unreliable source of security
- d. It's meaningless when confronting death

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Steve Danko: Praise for the 100% donor match that has been found for Steve's sister Lesia. Please pray that the process with the donor moves forward seamlessly, and that Lesia gains strength through this third round of chemo in preparation for her transplant.

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

Cliff Greenblatt: Please pray for Charles Howren. He has suffering from a digestive ailment. There has been excessive weight loss as a consequence. Doctors have been running tests, but Charles has not yet been informed of any diagnosis.

Karen Van Fossen: Please continue to pray for Karen's brother in law Rich as he continues chemotherapy and hormone therapy injections.

Terry Zentz: Please continue to pray for her to be ready for the transition to home care soon.

Missionary Prayer

**Sarah Porterfield works with RCE
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Praise that staffing needs were filled for the current year and the school has been approved for a loan for construction of a new building next to their current one.

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