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### Men's Breakfast

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

Saturday, December 6th, 7:15-9:00 AM

**Speaker: Matt Sharp**

Matt will be sharing his testimony

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

## Women's Ministry Survey

Women, help us serve you better!

Please fill out this  
survey. Thanks!



All (ages 0-100) are invited to

### Cookies and Caroling

Caroling, reading the Christmas story,  
decorating cookies, making ornaments and cards

December 6th, 3pm-4:30pm  
820 Nicodemus Rd, Reisterstown  
No Registration needed



## Sunday Morning Christian Education

### Children

9:15am Rainbow Room-infant-3years

9:15am Room 6 - 3years-5<sup>th</sup> grade

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

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

### Adults

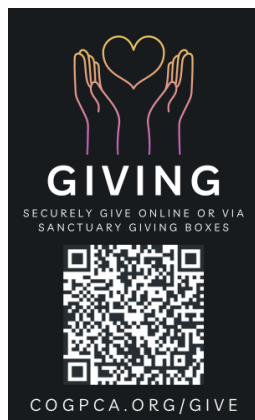
9:15am "A Life of Stewardship" Fellowship Hall

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



### GIVING

SECURELY GIVE ONLINE OR VIA  
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November 30, 2025

# Songs of Longing

An Advent series on the first four songs of Christmas

*Favor - Mercy - Glory - Peace*

## 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

Sr. Pastor Mark Samuel | mark@cogpca.org

Assistant Pastor, Ken Harris | ken@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. November 30, 2025

10:30am Worship Service  
12:00pm Choir Practice

### Tues. December 2, 2025

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

### Wed. December 3, 2025

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

### Thurs. December 4, 2005

7:00pm Men's Bible Study

### Fri. December 5, 2025

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

### Sat. December 6, 2025

7:15am Men's Breakfast  
3:00pm Cookies & Caroling  
5:00pm High School D-Group

# Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL  
ADVENT READING & CANDLE-LIGHTING .....BRENDAN & JILL BURNETT  
ISAIAH 2: 2-5  
CALL TO WORSHIP.....LIZZY KRAJAN  
based on Psalm 25

## SONGS OF PRAISE

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY  
JESUS THANK YOU

## INVOCATION PRAYER

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL.....based on Mark 13 and Isaiah 64  
Heavenly Father,  
We know that Christ Jesus has come and will come again in glory to make all things new. Yet you alone know the day and hour of his coming. In this Advent season, help us to remain alert and watchful. Help us to live as faithful servants in obedience to your commands, and in stewardship of your gospel mission. For the sake of Jesus, forgive us for the times we fall asleep in our faith and stumble in sin. Forgive us for neglect of your command to love our neighbor and serve one another as Jesus has served us. Set our hearts on your kingdom and fill us with longing for the day of your coming. For from ages past no ear has heard, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works on behalf of those who wait for him. Lord, we wait for you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.....1 CORINTHIANS 1: 4-9  
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH.....ELDER GREG HARD  
OUR GIFTS FOR GOD'S GLORY.....TITHES AND OFFERING  
SONG PREPARATION

WAY MAKER

SCRIPTURE READING\*.....BETHANY NORSEEN  
LUKE 1: 26-55

THE SERMON.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL  
"SONGS OF LONGING: FAVOR"

SONG OF REFLECTION.....LIZZY KRAJAN  
MARY'S SONG (Luke 1:46-49)

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....HEILDELBERG 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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