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

Saturday, Jan 10th, 7:15-9:00 AM

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dan Passerelli, the Pastor of Spiritual Renewal and President of Metro Baltimore Seminary, at Chapelgate.

Message: Prayer is Life: Being Present with God at All Times.

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

COG FOUNDATIONS

For potential members & those interested in learning more about Covenant of Grace Presbyterian Church

BEGINS JANUARY 18TH 2026

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 New Ace Class led by Greg Hard

9:15am Matthew- Room #9

9:15am Youth Sunday School - Youth Annex

9:15am COG Foundations (begins Jan. 18th)

10:10am Prayer Meeting in the Church Office

• New ACE Semester begins Jan. 11th

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December 21, 2025

Songs of Longing

An Advent series on the first four songs of Christmas



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. December 21, 2025

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

Wed. December 24, 2025

6:30pm Christmas Eve Service

Thurs. December 25, 2025

Merry Christmas!
Office Closed

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

ADVENT READING & CANDLE-LIGHTINGTHE SCHWARZ FAMILY
CALL TO WORSHIP.....MATT SHARP

adapted from Psalm 89

SONGS OF PRAISE

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL
KING OF KINGS

INVOCATION PRAYER

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND 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.....2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

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

OUR GIFTS FOR GOD'S GLORY.....TITHES AND OFFERING
SONG OF PREPARATION

LET ALL MORAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

SCRIPTURE READING*.....NANCY RODO
LUKE 2: 22-35

THE SERMON.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

"SONGS OF LONGING: SALVATION"

SONG OF REFLECTION

I WILL WAIT FOR YOU (PSALM 130)

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



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