



## Events

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SCAN ME

Youth Group Winter Retreat



**SAVE THE  
DATE** **6-8  
FEBRUARY**  
2026

Contact Emily MacKenzie for more information  
emily@cogpca.org

*Valentine's Day*  
**Date Night for Parents**

RSVP online @  
cogpca.org

**February 7th**

**5-8pm**

For Church Members  
and Regular Attenders

Birth- 5th grade  
games, crafts, and fun

RSVP by Mon Feb 2nd

Registration  
Required  
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### Men's Breakfast

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

**Saturday, February 7th, 7:15-9:00 AM**

**Speaker: John Pupillo**

**John will be sharing his  
testimony**

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

## 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

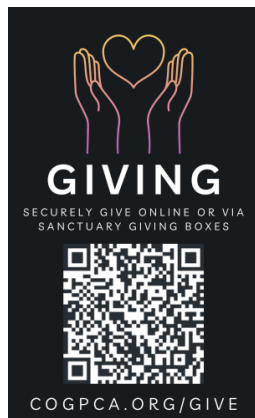
9:15am Our Digital Dilemma

9:15am Matthew- Room #9

9:15am Youth Sunday School - Youth Annex

9:15am COG Foundations

10:10am Prayer Meeting in the Church Office



February 1, 2026



**tough questions**  
*honest answers*

## 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

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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. February 1, 2026

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

### Tues. February 3, 2026

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

### Wed. February 4, 2026

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

### Thurs. February 5, 2026

7:00pm Men's Bible Study

### Fri. February 6, 2026

8:50am Wo. Prayer Mtg. (Zoom)  
Youth Winter Retreat

### Sat. February 7, 2026

7:15am Men's Breakfast  
5:00pm Valentine's Parents  
Night Out

# Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL  
CALL TO WORSHIP.....LIZZY KRAJAN

*adapted from Micah 6: 6, 8*

## SONGS OF PRAISE

IN CHRIST ALONE  
FROM EVERLASTING (PSALM 90)

## INVOCATION PRAYER

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL.....based on Matthew 5: 3-10

Our Savior whose kingdom is not from this world,  
Your ways are so different from our ways. Forgive us for embracing the sinful patterns of life in this world. Help us, by your grace, to live the kind of lives that reflect the virtues of your kingdom. We are prideful; help us to embrace true poverty of spirit that we might inherit your kingdom. Let us mourn the sin and abuses of this world, grieving with the oppressed rather than ignoring their cries. We are prideful and in sinful lack of trust hunger for comfort and security above righteousness. Forgive us and strengthen us to thirst for righteousness and extend your costly mercy with pure hearts. We fear opposition and loss, make us to be peacemakers in the pattern of Christ who gave himself for us when we were still enemies. Let us know the riches of your presence and reward even as we endure opposition and seek to love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us be those who above all seek your kingdom and live in the character of our father as children of God. We pray for this kind of life in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.....1 CORINTHIANS 1: 18, 21

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH.....ELDER MATT SHERLOCK

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

## OFFERING OF SONG

LORD FROM SORROWS DEEP I CALL (PSALM 42)

SCRIPTURE READING\*.....DAN PARDO

JOHN 6: 44-51, 60-69

THE SERMON.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

"TOUGH QUESTIONS: THE PROBLEM OF PAIN"

## SONG OF REFLECTION

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....ASST. PASTOR KEN HARRIS

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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