



## Events

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### Upcoming Easter Services

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29TH @ 10:30AM  
 MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 2ND @ 7PM  
 EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5TH @ 10:30AM

Covenant of Grace Presbyterian Church

### EASTER EGG HUNT & OBSTACLE COURSE

Register at [cogpca.org/children](http://cogpca.org/children)

**4 APRIL 2026**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

### GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 8 AM

Where: **NEW LOCATION!** Westminster National Golf Course

Details: Will be forthcoming as we get closer to registration. Expect another exciting event with lots of prizes and great competition! For now... **SAVE THE DATE!**

Questions: Please contact Jim Beachley @ [jimbeachley@gmail.com](mailto:jimbeachley@gmail.com) -or- 410-340-3172

## 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

### GIVING

SECURELY GIVE ONLINE OR VIA SANCTUARY GIVING BOXES

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March 22, 2026

# Images of the KINGDOM

Fifth week of Lent



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](mailto:office@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. March 22, 2026

10:30am Worship Service  
 12:00pm Choir Practice  
 6:00pm Youth Group

### Tues. March 24, 2026

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

### Wed. March 25, 2026

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

### Fri. March 27, 2026

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

# Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

CALL TO WORSHIP.....LIZZY KRAJAN

*adapted from Psalm 130*

SONGS OF PRAISE

THANK YOU JESUS FOR THE BLOOD  
 MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN

INVOCATION PRAYER

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND RENEW

*based on John 11: 25-26, Ezekiel 37, Romans 8:6*

Lord Jesus, you are the resurrection and the life. Apart your presence and saving mercy, we are like a valley of dry bones. By your sacrifice for us and the gift of your Holy Spirit, you breathe life into us, your people--filling us with your Spirit. Yet we are often distracted from your gift and, stumbling in sin, lose sensitivity to your perfect law. Breathe life into us again, that we might not set our minds on passing hopes and sinful desires but instead might live by the Spirit who is both life and peace. Renew us in faith and obedience we pray, for your glory and by your power, AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.....ROMANS 8: 14-15

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH.....ELDER JOHN NORSEEN

DEACON STEWARDSHIP MOMENT.....DEACON JOHN TOWNS

TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERING OF SONG

O LORD MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER

SCRIPTURE READING\*.....NICK TOTUSHEK

LUKE 18: 11-27

THE SERMON.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

"STEWARDSHIP THE KINGDOM: PARABLE OF THE MINAS"

SONG OF REFLECTION

HIS MERCY IS MORE

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....APOSTLES' CREED

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.



## Sermon Notes

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**Outline:**

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- b. Jesus will return

2. Spirit-empowered endurance

- a. Despite opposition & unpopularity
- b. Through temptation

3. Central purpose

- a. Called to faithfulness not fruit
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4. Eternal consequence

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#### **Pray for these services:**

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