

April 12, 2026



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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 Matthew- Room #9

9:15am Heaven & Earth - Fellowship Hall

9:15am Youth Sunday School - Youth Annex

10:10am Prayer Meeting in the Church Office

Timothy Keller
Judges
The Flawed and the Flawless



6-Session Bible Study

Men's Spring Bible Study

Meets @ 7:00 PM on the first three Thursdays each month beginning April 16, 2026



VBS

July 6th - 10th
 9am-12pm

Register Here: 



He Still Speaks

Women's Spring Brunch
 25 April • 11am-2pm
 Cost \$20



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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

<p>Sun. April 12, 2026 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Baby Shower for Jen Prata 6:00pm Youth Group</p> <p>Tues. April 14, 2026 12:00pm Ladies Craft Day</p> <p>Wed. April 15, 2026 7:00pm ESOL</p>	<p>Thurs. April 16, 2026 11:00am Ladies Game Day 7:00pm Men's Bible Study</p> <p>Fri. April 17, 2026 8:50am Wo. Prayer Mtg. (Zoom)</p> <p>Sat. April 18, 2026 8:00am Covenant Work Day</p>
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Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL
 CALL TO WORSHIP..... MATTHEW SHARP
Based on Psalm 16

SONGS OF PRAISE
 ALL HAIL THE POW'R OF JESUS' NAME
 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

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.....JOHN 10: 27-28
 PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH.....ELDER TOM METZBOWER
 MINISTRY MOMENT - COG STUDENT MINISTRY.....EMILY MACKENZIE

TITHES AND OFFERING
 OFFERING OF SONG
 O MY SOUL ARISE

SCRIPTURE READING*.....LUKE 24: 13-27
 THE SERMON.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL
 "ENCOUNTERING JESUS"

SONG OF REFLECTION
 NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....NICENE CREED
 I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic† and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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
 †By 'catholic,' we mean the universal church made up of all Christians who are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.



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III. Implications for knowing God and following Jesus.

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