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CHURCH PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE

September 13, 2026 | Immediately after church

Fried Chicken, Hotdogs and Hamburgers provided.
Cornhole, Moon Bounce, Volleyball, face painting,
kids games, adult games and much more!

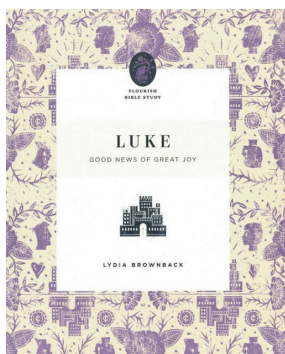


FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25
SHOTGUN START AT
8AM

GOLF OUTING

Contact Jim Beachley
jimbeachley@gmail.com or
410-340-3172

NEW COURSE! WESTMINSTER NATIONAL



Women's Fall Bible Study

Starts the week of
September 21st

Books \$15
Four different times available
Sign up in the Welcome Center or Online

For more information:
Contact Brenda Wilson (wtwilson1@verizon.net)

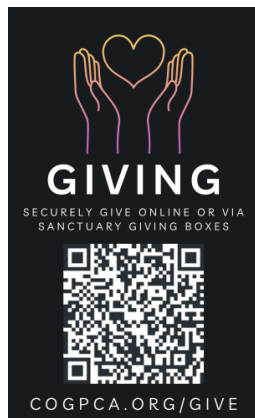
Sunday Morning Christian Education

Children

9:15am The Righteous Shall Live by Faith -Fellowship
Hall
10:30am Rainbow Room-Nursery - infant-age 3
Kids worship during sermon in Room #6- age 3-2nd
grade

Adults

9:15am The Righteous Shall Live by Faith -Fellowship
Hall
10:10am Prayer Meeting in the Church Office



August 23, 2026

Shadow of the True King



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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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. August 23, 2026

10:30am Worship Service
6:00pm Verge

Fri. August 28, 2026

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

Order of Worship

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing." ~ Psalm 23:1

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL
CALL TO WORSHIP.....MATTHEW SHARP

based on Psalm 138

SONGS OF PRAISE

PSALM 62
O MY SOUL ARISE

INVOCATION PRAYER

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you--only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.....ISAIAH 54:10

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

DEACON STEWARDSHIP MOMENT.....BRENDAN BURNETT

TITHES AND OFFERING

SONG OF PREPARATION

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME

SCRIPTURE READING*.....2 SAMUEL 5: 1-5

THE SERMON.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL

"THE KING WE NEED"

SONG OF REFLECTION

ROCK OF AGES

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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.



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