

CONNECT CARD

We're glad you are here. It is our joy to welcome and love those who need grace just like we do. Please scan the QR code to fill out our Connect Card. This helps us keep you in the loop and serve you better.



COMING UP

8/23 Membership Class
9/1 Church Picnic
9/7 Members Meeting

Find more details on the CGC app!

SERVING

We aim to be a church where we all share the load. There are a variety of ways to use your gifts to love the church. The best way to get started is to scan the code to the right and fill out the form!



GIVING

We give so that we can offer the hope and rest found in Jesus to those around us. Thank you for joining with us and investing in this important work! You can scan the code to give online anytime or drop a donation in the box on our Welcome Table.



Monthly Budget Goal: \$18,500

August Giving MTD: \$14,250.03

APP

Access and share our teaching content, find groups to connect with, keep tabs on what is going on, give, chat with your church family, and more. Just search "Covenant Grace Columbia" in your app store or scan the QR code to get started.



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Liturgy

Call to Worship

God gathers his people to care for them and receive their worship.

Psalms 27

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
- ³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.
- ⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.
- ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.
- ⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the
LORD.
- ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and
answer me!
- ⁸ You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."
- ⁹ Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away
in anger, O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
- ¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
- ¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out
violence.
- ¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take
courage; wait for the LORD!

My Savior Left His Throne Above

My Savior left his throne above, Exchanged his wealth for poverty; He took my hate and gave his love— all this and more he did for me.	He kept his Father's every word; The Law he followed perfectly; So all God's pleasure he secured— All this and more he earned for me.
Because he chose the lowly way And bowed before his Father's will, I can with all assurance say, My God is near and loves me still; my God is near and loves me still.	Because his righteous life is mine, And all his merits now I own, I am a child of God on high; I am adopted, loved, and known; I am adopted, loved, and known.
He felt the storms of human pain; He felt temptation's whelming seas; He felt the tears of sorrow's rain— All this and more he felt for me.	When Jesus left his heavenly home, His face was set on Calvary; The steepest hill he climbed alone— All this and more he did for me.
Because he knows my every strife And is acquainted with my grief, I can't be shaken in this life; The Friend of Sinners walks with me; the Friend of Sinners walks with me.	Because he died once for all time, And bore the curse of death and hell, Final forgiveness here is mine. So it is finished, all is well; Yes, it is finished, all is well.

The Lord's Supper

God gives his people the sign of their New Covenant union with Christ.

Doxology

God's people praise Him in light of all they have received.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

Benediction

God sends His people out with His blessing.

Acts 20:32 - Now I commend you to God and to the word of his
grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the
inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Sermon - Matthew 27:27-44

God proclaims His word to His people.

The Apostle's Creed

God's people confess the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

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

And in Jesus Christ,
His only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come again 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.

"catholic" means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples

God Is For Us

We won't fear the battle,
we won't fear the night;
We will walk the Valley with You by
our side.
You will go before us,
You will lead the way;
We have found a refuge, only You
can save.

Even when I stumble,
even when I fall;
Even when I turn back, still Your love
is sure.
You will not abandon,
You will not forsake;
You will cheer me onward with never
ending grace.

*Sing with joy now; our God is for us.
The Father's love is a strong and
mighty fortress.
Raise your voice, now no love is
greater;
Who can stand against us if our
God is for us?*

Neither height nor depth can
separate us,
hell and death will not defeat us;
He who gave His Son to free us
holds me in His love.

The Law of God

God requires righteousness of all people.

Matthew 22:37–40 - And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Confession of Sin

God's people acknowledge their sin before Him.

Almighty, merciful God, we acknowledge for ourselves and we confess before you that which is true: namely, if you decided to consider our merits and worthiness, we would not be worthy to lift our eyes to Heaven and bring our prayer before you. For our consciences accuse us and our sins testify against us. We also know that you are a righteous Judge, who punishes the sins of those who transgress your commandments. But, O Lord, since you have commanded us to call upon you in every affliction, and promised in your unspeakable mercy to hear our prayers, not for the sake of our merits – of which there are none – but for the sake of the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you have set forth as our Mediator and Advocate, so we forsake all other help and take our refuge in your mercy alone. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God shows his people mercy and grace in Jesus Christ

1 Peter 2:24–25 - He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Lord, From Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord, from sorrows deep I call	Storms within my troubled soul,
When my hope is shaken;	Questions without answers;
Torn and ruined from the fall,	On my faith these billows roll—
Hear my desperation.	God be now my shelter.
For so long I've pled and prayed.	Why are you cast down, my soul?
"God come to my rescue!"	Hope in Him who saves you.
Even so, the thorn remains;	When the fires have all grown cold,
Still my heart will praise You.	Cause this heart to praise You.

Lord, From Sorrows Deep I Call (Continued)

<i>Oh, my soul, put your hope in God;</i>	Should my life be torn from me,
<i>My help, my rock, I will praise Him.</i>	Every worldly pleasure;
<i>Sing, oh sing through the raging</i>	When all I possess is grief,
<i>storm;</i>	God be then my treasure.
<i>You're still my God, my salvation.</i>	Be my vision in the night,
	Be my hope and refuge;
	'Til my faith is turned to sight,
	Lord, my heart will praise You.

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,	Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our	Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
guilt!	Grace that is greater—yes, grace untold
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-	—points to the refuge, the mighty Cross.
poured,	
There where the blood of the Lamb	Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;
was spilt.	What can avail to wash it away?
	Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
<i>Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace</i>	Whiter than snow you may be today.
<i>that will pardon and cleanse within;</i>	
<i>Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace</i>	Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
<i>that is greater than all our sin.</i>	Freely bestowed on all who believe;
	You that are longing to see His face,
	Will you this moment His grace
	receive?

Prayer

After the Pastor leads us in prayer for our church and community, pray together as Jesus taught us

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.