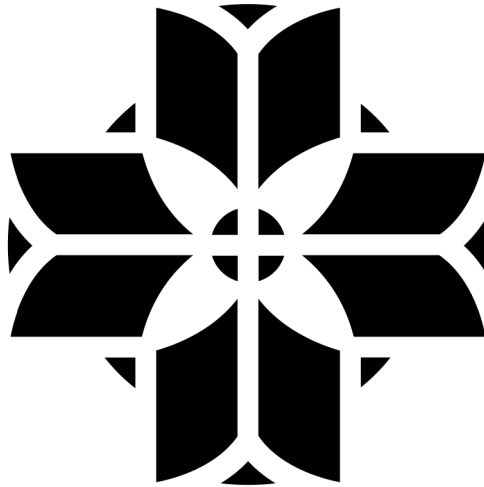


*"You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word."*

*Psalm 138:2*



# C O V E N A N T A L I A N Z A

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA

August 3, 2025

# Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church!

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church! We would love to meet you. After the service please stop by our Welcome Table in the lobby so that we can meet you, share some information, and answer any of your questions. Our church is filled with wonderful people eager to meet you, minister to you, and help you get connected. Blessings in Christ.

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## Worship Service

August 3, 2025

Gathering Song

“May the Peoples Praise You/Gócese los Pueblos”

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm/Salmos 99:1-5

**Leader:**

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

He is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is He!

The King in His might loves justice.

You have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God;

worship at His footstool!

Holy is He!

*¡El SEÑOR reina, estremézcanse los pueblos;*

*Él está sentado como Rey sobre los querubines, tiemble la tierra!*

*El SEÑOR es grande en Sión,*

*Y exaltado sobre todos los pueblos.*

*Alaben Tu nombre grande y temible;*

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- A **Soundproof Room** is available within the kitchen if you or someone you love needs a place to be free to make some noise while still being able to participate in the worship service.
  - **Lyric Sheets** are available at the sound booth for those who cannot see the screen.
  - **Headsets** are available at the sound booth for the hearing impaired.
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*Él es santo.  
El poder del Rey ama la justicia;  
Tú has establecido la equidad;  
Has hecho juicio y justicia en Jacob.  
Exalten al SEÑOR nuestro Dios,  
Y póstrense ante el estrado de Sus pies;  
Él es santo.*

## **Song of Worship**

**“In Christ Alone/En Cristo Está ”**

## **Confession of Sin**

### ***Congregation:***

O most great, most just and gracious God;  
You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity.  
You condemn the ungodly, unrepentant, and unbelievers;  
But You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in Him.  
Therefore, we confess that we are sinful by nature and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.  
We have neglected and abused Your holy worship and Your holy name.  
We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors.  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.  
We confess You alone are our hope.  
Make us Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son, our only Savior.  
Amen.

*Oh Dios más grande, más justo y clemente.  
Tus ojos son muy puros como para mirar la iniquidad.  
Tú condenas a los impíos, los no arrepentidos, y los incrédulos.  
Mas Tú has prometido misericordia a través de Jesucristo a todo aquel que se arrepienta y confíe en Él.  
Confesamos, pues, que somos pecadores por naturaleza y que todos hemos pecado y no alcanzamos la gloria de Dios.  
Hemos sido negligentes y abusado de Tu santa adoración y Tu santo nombre.  
Hemos carecido de justicia y caridad en el trato de nuestro prójimo.  
Ten misericordia de nosotros, Padre misericordiosísimo.  
Confesamos que solo Tú eres nuestra esperanza.  
Haznos Tus hijos y danos el Espíritu de Tu Hijo, nuestro único Salvador.  
Amen.*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Isaiah/Isaías 53:4-6**

### ***Leader:***

Surely He has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed Him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But He was pierced for our transgressions;  
He was crushed for our iniquities;

upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with His wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on Him  
the iniquity of us all.

*Ciertamente Él llevó nuestras enfermedades,  
Y cargó con nuestros dolores.  
Con todo, nosotros lo tuvimos por azotado,  
Por herido de Dios y afligido.  
Pero Él fue herido por nuestras transgresiones,  
Molido por nuestras iniquidades.  
El castigo, por nuestra paz, cayó sobre Él,  
Y por Sus heridas hemos sido sanados.  
Todos nosotros nos descarriamos como ovejas,  
Nos apartamos cada cual por su camino;  
Pero el Señor hizo que cayera sobre Él  
La iniquidad de todos nosotros.*

**Song of Humility**

**“O, to See the Dawn/El Poder de la Cruz”**

**Greeting One Another**

**Scripture Reading**

**Ephesians 1**

**Prayer of Intercession**

*Please pass the attendance registers down your row.*

**God’s Tithes and Our Offerings\***

*\*Checks or cash may be placed in the offering baskets as they are passed or dropped off at, or mailed to the church at 32 Southgate Court, Suite 101, Harrisonburg, VA 22801*

**Song of Trust and Hope**

**“He Will Hold Me Fast/Él Me Sostendrá”**

*There is no Children’s Church this week.*

**Sermon\*\***

**Todd Pruitt**

The Sermon on the Mount  
Part 13: *Specks, Logs, and Good Judgment*  
Matthew 7:1-6  
(Pew Bible Page #762)

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper\*\***

Today we worship our God through the celebration of Communion (also called The Lord’s Table and The

Lord's Supper). We are so glad you are here to celebrate with us whether this is your first time or you've been here for a long time.

We welcome all members of this body who have examined themselves, confessed their sin to God and sought His forgiveness through the cross of Jesus. We also recognize that Christ gathers His people across all human divisions; therefore, you need not be a Presbyterian or a member of this church to participate. If you have professed Christ publically, have been baptized and committed yourself to membership with any gospel-proclaiming church, you are welcome to partake of the bread and cup. If this does not describe you, then we encourage you to take this time to pray—to talk to God. If you've never prayed before or don't think you know how to pray, we have some prayers written out below.

Every church body practices communion in slightly different ways. We want to include you in how we celebrate.

- A pastor will instruct the congregation in the practice of communion and those eligible to participate (see above).
- While being led in worship, the congregation remains seated.
- Communion servers will pass the bread and the juice down each row while everyone remains seated. A gluten-free option is available in the wooden trays. Alert a server if you need a gluten-free option.
- We will eat the bread and drink the cup together as the pastor instructs the congregation to partake.
- Juice cups are then collected by the servers.

***Prayer of Those Who Are Searching for Truth:***

Lord Jesus Christ, You claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life (*John 14:6*). Grant that the cost of following You might not hinder me from considering the reasons I should. If Your claims are true, nothing rivals Your words. Guide, teach, and open to me who You are. Give me coherent and convincing understanding that satisfies my deepest needs. Lead me toward the everlasting life with You and Your people that You promise (*1 John 1:1-4*). Amen.

***Prayer Crying out to God for New Life:***

Lord Jesus Christ, I am weaker, more rebellious toward God, than I've ever admitted. Yet You offer acceptance greater than I've ever dared to hope. I admit my need for a new kind of life—Your life. Thank You for making peace with You possible. You paid my sin's debt on Your cross. You took judgment meant for me; You offer forgiveness and fellowship. Believing You've been raised from the dead, I turn to seek my deepest satisfactions in You. I accept You as God and Ruler. I receive You as Savior and Life. Needing You always, I begin to rest upon You for forgiveness, for growth in trusting You, for Your love toward neighbors. Increase my longing for the new heaven and new earth You will bring when You return. Amen.

**Song of Response**

***"Amazing Grace/Sublime Gracia"***

**Announcements\*\***

***"Doxology/Doxología"***

**Benediction**

\*\*Spanish interpretation through headsets, second service. Interpretación en español a través de auriculares, segundo servicio.

# Children's Ministries

## Check-in

Check in your children for any Sunday morning ministries in which they are participating. When you arrive, use one of the four check-in stations located in the main lobby, nursery lobby, and children's wing lobby to check in and obtain a nametag for each child. All children participating will need to wear their nametags.

## Nursery

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Nursery is available for infants (newborns, creepers, and crawlers), walkers (confident walkers), and toddlers (twos to threes) during today's services as long as enough volunteers are secured.

## **No Children's Church or Early Childhood Sunday School this week**

*For ages 3 prior to September 30, 2024, and potty-trained through Pre-K*

## Children's Church

Children's Church is available for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten children during first service (Activity Room) and second service (C-109). They will be released from the worship service at the specified time. Children will return to the sanctuary to join us for the doxology and benediction and should be picked up at the back of the sanctuary.

**Early Childhood Sunday School, Elementary Sunday School and Youth Sunday School classes have all concluded for the summer.**

## **Adult Summer Sunday School classes have concluded for the summer.**

*\*There will be no Sunday school for adults, youth, or children during the month of August. Fall classes will begin Sunday, September 7. Check back at the end of August for a listing of the fall classes.*

Building map available in print version, onsite.

## Covenant Family News

*We celebrate with Ryan and Whitney Collier, the birth of their son Elliot Mark, on Friday, July 25. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches long. He is welcomed by big sisters Hailey and Brynn, grandparents Mark and Diane Collier, and uncle and aunt Ben and Marissa Fung.*

*We celebrate with Bo and Hannah Brudwick, the birth of their son Rodney James (RJ), on Saturday, July 26. He weighed 9 pounds and is welcomed by grandparents Todd and Jen Fowler.*

## Covenant Family Life

### Youth Ministries

**Today, August 3, 4:00-5:45 p.m.:** Youth Group! Youth meet at the activity room.

**Friday, August 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.:** Jr. High event at the Lookabills'! Pool party and lawn games. Snacks provided.

**Next Sunday, August 10:** No Youth Group.

### Parent and Youth Equipping Conference – Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now! On January 16-17, 2026, the Youth Ministry will host Dr. Walt Mueller and Dr. Rosaria Butterfield for an engaging and practical, equipping conference focusing on navigating youth culture, technology, human sexuality, and modern day feminism. More information to come.

### Women's Summer Bible Studies

We welcome all women to participate in a Bible study throughout the week. Visit our website, [www.cov-pres.org](http://www.cov-pres.org) (Ministries/Women/Bible Studies), for details and contacts for each study.

### Women's Retreat, February 26-28, 2026

Mark your calendar for our next Presbytery-wide Women's Retreat. This is an incredible time to get away together and get refreshed and fed both spiritually and relationally! More details coming in Fall 2025!

### Men's Bible Studies

We welcome you to join a morning or afternoon Bible study this season. This is a great weekly opportunity to meet other men in the church, grow in your faith, and encourage others to do the same. Please visit our website, [www.cov-pres.org](http://www.cov-pres.org) (Ministries/Men/Bible Studies) and use the contact information to reach out to a leader for more details.

### Sunday School

During the month of August, there will be no Sunday School for children, youth, or adults as we take a break to prepare for the fall. Our Covenant Connections ministry fair will take place in August and we look forward to our Sunday School ministry as it starts back in the fall.



## Today, August 3 | Combined Worship

### Combined Worship Service | 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

- All services, English and Spanish, worship together.
- Nursery will be available.
- Children will worship with us, no Children's Church.
- Sunday School will not meet.

### Shared Meal\* | 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Meat will be provided by Covenant.
- Please bring a generous side dish/salad and a dessert.
- Feel free to bring blankets and lawn chairs to sit outside if the weather permits.

\*Dishes with pork **must be labeled!**



## Family Skate Night

*Tuesday, August 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m.*

Looking for some more excitement post *Going Deeper* VBS?! Come join us at Funky's Skate Center (100 Miller Circle, Harrisonburg) on Tuesday, August 5, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will skate to the amazing VBS songs, see friends from VBS week, and eat snacks! Admission and normal skate rentals are free. All ages are invited, and skating is not required. Come ready to fellowship and welcome our new friends! Contact Sarah Kalichman or Lisa Updike ([lisa@cov-pres.org](mailto:lisa@cov-pres.org)) with questions.

## Financial Information

### Electronic Giving

We have set up online giving as a convenience for you to give on a one-time or ongoing basis. Visit our website, [www.cov-pres.org](http://www.cov-pres.org), and click on "GIVE" or log on to the Church Center app to manage your donations from there. There is a feature which allows you to make a donation to cover the processing fees charged by the credit card companies. The box is automatically checked with the amount filled in. If you'd rather not add this amount to your donation, simply uncheck the box. You may also pay through the Church Center app. After you log on to the app, click on "GIVE" button.



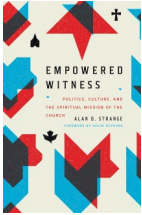
Electronic Giving

### Online Banking - Bill Pay

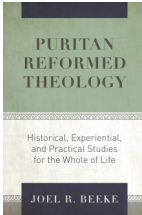
Another easy and convenient way to give is to make use of the online bill pay feature that is often available as a part of online banking by many banks (you will have to check with your bank to verify the availability of this feature). When making use of this feature, request a paper check to be sent to the church office rather than an electronic check, and a check in the amount you designate will be sent directly from the bank to Covenant Presbyterian Church. Please have your bank use the following mailing address: 32 Southgate Ct., Suite 101, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

## Recommended Reading

The Book Nook is currently featuring some excellent new titles. Among them are...



- *Empowered Witness: Politics, Culture, and the Spiritual Mission of the Church* by Alan Strange  
“Alan Strange skillfully examines the oft-misunderstood but biblical, true doctrine of the spirituality of the church. This book is required reading for anyone who wants to engage the world and at the same time preserve the church’s gospel mission.” J. V. Fesko



- *Thoughts for Young Men* by J.C. Ryle  
A true classic of Christian piety. Over 150 later it remains as relevant as ever.
- *Puritan Reformed Theology* by Joel Beeke  
“The sheer size of the book may seem intimidating, yet like a great cathedral it can be appreciated one stone at a time. Here then is a thesaurus of theological and spiritual riches, a veritable Aladdin’s cave of intellectual and spiritual pleasures. I feel sure that readers will find themselves frequently returning to *Puritan Reformed Theology* to find in it both theological treasure and spiritual pleasure.” Sinclair B. Ferguson



# Covenant Care Connections

## Counseling

Greg Becker, Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), provides counseling free to members of Covenant/ Alianza. He is the first step in receiving individual or family counseling through Covenant. You may make an appointment with him by calling him at the church office, 540-433-3051. At your first appointment, Greg will help you to determine the best course of care which may utilize Journey Counseling Ministry or other fee-based community resources.

## After Hours Care Line

A pastor is on call when the church office is closed. In the case of a family emergency (serious illness or death) on the weekend or after office hours, call 540-755-4725. If the phone is not answered, leave a message. Please note that this phone number is to be used *only* in the case of family emergencies that occur outside of business hours. This number is not to be used for prayer requests, mercy requests or church business that can be taken care of during normal office hours. If you would like a need placed on the prayer chain, call 540-433-3051 or e-mail [office@cov-pres.org](mailto:office@cov-pres.org).

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**Ministry Contacts are available on the church app directory  
or by contacting the church office ([office@cov-pres.org](mailto:office@cov-pres.org), 540-433-3051)**

### **Adult Sunday School**

Aaron Roberts

### **American Heritage Girls**

Christine Say

### **Children's Ministries**

Lisa Updike

### **ESL**

Sarah Kalichman

### **Greeters**

Sarah Plonsky

### **Home Groups**

Aaron Roberts

### **Kids' Club**

Sarah Kalichman

Dawn Frederick

### **Men's Ministry**

Aaron Roberts

### **Mercy Ministry**

Mark Bentz

### **Missions Ministry**

Keith Fowler

### **Moms and Tots Playgroup**

Susanna Glenn

Amelia Graves

Haley Kerlin

### **Prayer Chain**

Church Office

### **Trail Life**

Mark Say

### **Through the Roof**

Sarah Pruett

### **Welcome and Assimilation**

Sarah Plonsky

### **Women's Ministry**

Sarah DeBoer

### **Worship Ministry**

Burress McCombe

### **Youth Ministry**

John Kidd

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## Stay Connected: Download Our Church App



**Pastoral Staff • Teaching Elders**

Todd Pruitt, Lead Pastor  
Tim Frost, Executive Pastor  
Burress McCombe, Pastor of Worship  
John Kidd, Pastor of Youth Ministries  
Aaron Roberts, Pastor of Adult Discipleship  
Phil Mahaffey, Pastor of Cross-Cultural Ministries

**Ministry Staff**

Greg Becker, Director of Congregational Care and Counseling  
Kendal Butler, Director of Administration  
Lisa Updike, Director of Children’s Ministries  
Sarah DeBoer, Associate Director of Women’s Ministries  
Colleen Ernst, Associate Director of Youth Ministries  
Sarah Kalichman, Cross-Cultural Community Liaison, MNA  
Sarah Plonsky, Associate Director of Welcome and Assimilation

**Support Staff**

Sharon Armentrout, Kitchen Coordinator  
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Jeremy Keplinger, Custodian

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Hal Baker**	Mike Marsh
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Ryan Chico^	Gary Shickel
Steve Draper**	Jim Smith
Justin Hormel*	John Stevens^
Isaac Hutchison^	Anthony Tongen
David Lee^	Jerry Weniger
Josh Lookabill*	

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Mark Bentz	Reid Linn**
Mike Brady*	Daniel Long^
Marshall Butler	Justin Michael
Mike Downey	Greg Montgomery*
Doug Frederick^	Terry Pennington
Angel Garcia*	Matt Reidenbach^
Chris Goehner*	Mark Shickel
Dennis Houff	John Wickenheiser
Ben Jacobsen	Michael Wilburn
Chet Landes	Mike Yoder

*\*Sabbatical    \*\*Emeritus    ^Elect*

**Contact Information**

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