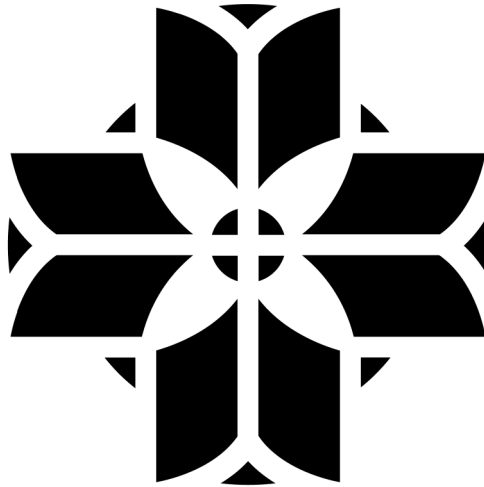


"You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word."

Psalms 138:2



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA

September 14, 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.

Worship Service

September 14, 2025

Gathering Song

“Jesus Strong and Kind”

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-4

Leader:

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

Song of Praise

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Confession of Sin

Congregation:

Gracious Lord,
We confess that we have dishonored You in our words, thoughts and deeds.

Depending on our own strength, we have stumbled.
Trusting in our own goodness, we have become prideful.
Confident in our own plans for our lives, we have failed to seek Your will.

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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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We cast ourselves upon Your mercy, Lord,
and pray these things in the name of Your most precious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6-9

Leader:

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Affirmation of Faith

**Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647),
Question and Answer 35**

Leader:

What is Sanctification?

Congregation:

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Song of Bidding

"Come Unto Jesus"

Sacrament of Baptism (First Service)

Margaret Rebecca Lee, covenant child of David and Stevie Lee

Questions to the parents

- Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
- Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question to the congregation

- Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior" (Second Service)

Greet One Another

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 Hope in Christ

"Be Thou My Vision"

Children ages 3 through Pre-K are dismissed for Children's Church.

Sermon

Todd Pruitt

Press On

Philippians 3:12-21

(Pew Bible Page #922)

Song of Response

"Christ is Mine Forevermore"

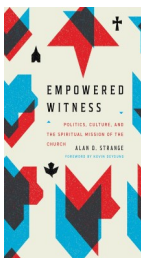
Announcements

"Doxology"

Benediction

Recommended Reading

*(If the book is not available in our Book Nook,
you may purchase it from your favorite book seller.)*

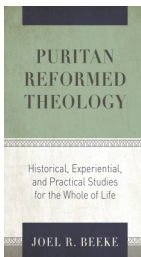


The Book Nook is currently featuring some excellent new titles. Among them are...

- *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



Building map available in print version onsite.

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

Nursery

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.

Early Childhood Sunday School

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

Early Childhood Lesson Plan: God created light and divided it from the darkness, and made day and night. He made the sun, moon, and stars to give order to our days. (Genesis 1)

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.

Sunday School for Preschool and Pre-K 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Sunday School classrooms—Preschool: C-106, Pre-K: C-104

Elementary Sunday School

Sunday School for Grades K-5 10:00-11:00 a.m.

After elementary students have been checked in and given a name tag, **grades 1-5** meet in the Activity Room for opening activities before going to their respective classrooms. **Kindergarten** goes directly to their classroom during the Sunday School hour.

Kindergarten: C-108	1 st Grade: C-200	2 nd Grade: C-203	3 rd Grade: C-204	4 th Grade: C-205	5 th Grade: C-206
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Youth Sunday School

Youth Sunday School for Grades 6-12, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

6th Grade meets in Annex 4 | led by Gary and Becky Shickel, and Clark and Brooke Driver

Jr High, Grades 7-8, meets in Annex 6 | led by Mike Martin, Keith Fowler, Tyler Garman, Kelly Kidd, and Justin and Ashley Hormel

Sr. High, Grades 9-12, meets in the Youth Room | led by John Kidd, Hal Baker, Mike Bollen, and Alexis Stevens

(Building map on previous page)

Adult Sunday School, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Understanding the Word of God on Every Page *meets in Multi-purpose Room West, led by Pastor Aaron Roberts* | Jesus said that we are truly his disciples if we abide in his word, and if so, "we will know the truth, and the truth will set us free." But what does it mean to accurately abide in God's word? It may shock us to know that there are ways to read the word of God but misunderstand it and misapply it. How then can we study to interpret the Scriptures as God would want us to understand them? This class seeks to be a guide for reading, studying, and applying the Scriptures for all their worth. This kind of study is better known as biblical hermeneutics. We want you to have the tools that Scripture gives us in order to understand a passage in context, identify proper themes and illustrations, and find Christ on every page. Join us for a practical class that will make you a better student of God's word, and, where possible, a better teacher of God's word.

Acts: The Power that Changes the World *meets in Annex 1, led by Ryan Ritter and Joe Slater* | "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Acts is a continuation of the gospels in that it is all about Jesus. It is about Jesus and His great work to grow His church through His people. And He is still growing His church through His people today! Come and be encouraged as we consider the call of Jesus to be His witnesses even to the end of the earth! Copies of the Gospel-Centered Life workbook *Acts: The Power That Changes The World* are available to purchase at our Book Nook.

College Fellowship *meets in the Multi-purpose Room East, led by Pastor Tim Frost* | College students, join us each week for food and fellowship as we discuss what it looks like to live in light of the gospel. We will explore the practical implications of spiritual realities like justification, sanctification, and adoption. This class is a great way to get connected to the church while being challenged to grow in your love for the Lord.

Welcome to Covenant (Membership Class) *Annex 5* | See class description and registration information in announcement in Covenant Family Life section of the bulletin. If you have questions about the class, contact Sarah Plonsky (sarahp@cov-pres.org).

All Nations Class *meets in the Library, led by several members including Kellie Grathwol, Deb Grathwol, and Jeremy Samsoe* | This class provides a welcoming environment to connect across language and cultural differences as we visit, read the sermon's Scripture passage, pray together, and have open discussion.

Through the Roof Adults *meets in W-10, led by members Linda Krause, Jason Miller, and Sarah Pruett* | This class provides adults affected by disability with the opportunity to connect and digest God's Word in an easy-to-understand format. Join us on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays.

Through the Roof Support Group *meets in W-10, led by Laura Flint and Sarah Pruett* | This class provides parents, grandparents, and caregivers the opportunity to connect, share resources, and discuss challenges that come with living and caring for a child or adult with a disability. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

The Walk (Spanish-speaking only) *meets in Room C207, led by Pastor Phil Mahaffey* | We will work through Steve Smallman's book *The Walk*. It is written to those who have expressed the desire to follow Christ as his disciple. It assumes no prior understanding of what that means, nor does it assume that the person has actually come to a point of professing faith. It uses as a starting point a Roman pagan who is newly converted and wondering, "What next?" but also regularly addresses those who have grown up "Christian" and may take for granted the realities that would be new to a recent convert.

Covenant Family Life

Moms and Tots

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Activity Room unless otherwise noted

CPC Playgroup is for moms and caregivers with children from birth to 5 years old. It is time during the week for our children to play and for us to have conversation and fellowship. We'd love for you to join us! Please reach out to Haley Kerlin with any questions.

September

17th - Come make a fun craft with us.

24th - Join us for our monthly potluck with guest speaker, Sarah DeBoer

Children's Choir—Kindergarten through 6th grade!

Wednesday afternoons, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Activity Room

Children's Choir is a time to learn to sing with proper technique, to read music and sight-sing, play fun music games, play musical instruments, and prepare choral pieces to sing for the church body...ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD! Contact Lisa Updike (lisa@cov-pres.org) with any questions.

Needed: Parent assistants and an accompanist...a fun place to volunteer!

Youth Ministries

Today, September 14: No Youth Group. See you at the ordination service!

Next Sunday, September 21, 4:00-5:45 p.m.: Youth Group THEME NIGHT and Parent-Leader meeting. Meet at the activity room.

College Students

10:00 a.m., Multi-purpose Room East

Welcome! We're glad you're worshipping with us! If you haven't done so already, we'd love for you to scan the QR code and give us some info so we can serve you best. To learn more about Covenant's ministries to college students, visit our webpage or better yet, join us for the College Fellowship Sunday School Class. We hope to see you there!



JMU Students!

Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m., The Union 256

Join us for RUF Large Group on Wednesday nights at 8:00 p.m. in The Union 256. We'll have snacks, fellowship together and hear from God's Word. Bring a friend, and come make a friend. Reach out to Bailey Wagner, JMU Campus Minister, (336-906-5289) with questions.

Women's Bible Studies

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

Women's Retreat —Save the Date!

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 soon.

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 (Ministries/Men/Bible Studies) and use the contact information to reach out to a leader for more details.

Men's Breakfast—Date Change!

Saturday, October 4, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

This is an invitation for you and your older sons to join us for our first quarterly breakfast of the new ministry year on **Saturday, October 4 (please note date change) at 8:30 a.m.** We will meet in the Activity Room for food, fellowship, and teaching. Use the QR code to sign up in advance so that we can best prepare the meal. Please see this as a good opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor and to bring your older sons. We hope to see you there.



Welcome to Covenant Class

Our Welcome to Covenant class has begun and we would love to have you join us if you're not already a member. Whether you have recently started attending Covenant or have been with us for years, we hope you will consider joining our family of believers here! If attending the Sunday School class doesn't suit your schedule, we will also offer a condensed version of the class on the evenings of September 28-29, 6:00-8:30 p.m. You can register for either class by scanning the appropriate QR code, or by visiting the church website. Taking the Welcome to Covenant class does not bind you to membership, but it is the first step toward becoming a member. Scripture makes it clear that church membership is an invaluable facet of life in Christ's kingdom, so we pray that you will consider pursuing membership at Covenant. If you have any questions about the class, contact Sarah Plonsky (sarahp@cov-pres.org).



Ordination Service

Sunday, September 14, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an Ordination Service of the newly approved officers. Our newest officers to be ordained: Ryan Chico, Isaac Hutchison, David Lee, and John Stevens to the office of Ruling Elder, Daniel Long, Doug Frederick, and Matt Reidenbach to the office of Deacon.

Guest Luncheon

Sunday, September 21, 12:30-2:00 p.m., Multi-purpose Room

If you are new to Covenant, or even if you've been here for a while but haven't attended a luncheon in the past, we invite you to join us for lunch! This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the church, meet some of our staff, hear about opportunities to get connected, and ask any questions you might have. We will provide lunch while we share, and children are welcome to attend with you. Please use the QR code to RSVP or reach out to the church staff with how many will be attending. ([540-433-3051](tel:540-433-3051), sarahp@cov-pres.org)



Parent and Youth Equipping Conference – Save the Date!

January 16-17, 2026

Mark your calendars now! Our 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.

Opportunities to Serve

Meals Needs

Are you able to provide a meal to one of the families in our church body? This is a great opportunity to encourage someone you know, and a wonderful chance to connect with and encourage a family you don't know. You might even consider teaming up with someone to provide a meal. Thank you for sharing Christ's love in this way. You may sign up at www.takethemameal.com. Contact the church office for passwords.

Brian and Angie Davis

Cedar Hill Kid's Club snacks (last name: kidsclub, password: cedar hill) Harrisonburg

Mosby/Millwood Kids' Club snacks (last name: Mosby, password: kidsclub) Harrisonburg

Volunteer in Children's Ministries

The new ministry year has started, and we need YOUR help in our Nursery, Children's Church programs, and Sunday School classes! Keep in mind, we will have to close any nurseries, Children's Church programs, or Sunday School classes until they are fully staffed, so don't wait—sign up today! Come see us in the lobby or contact Lisa Updike (lisa@cov-pres.org) with questions or to get more information about our needs.

Kids' Club Volunteers needed

Kids' Club is starting up for the school year in the second week of September, and we need your help! Contact Sarah K if able to help.

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, 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.

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.

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

Adult Sunday School

Aaron Roberts

American Heritage Girls

Christine Say

Children's Ministry

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

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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

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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

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Rebecca Griffin, Ministry Support
Ninive Logie, Ministry Support
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Steve Draper**	Jim Smith
Justin Hormel*	John Stevens^
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David Lee^	Jerry Weniger
Josh Lookabill*	

Deacons

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

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Bulletin announcements (by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday): bulletin@cov-pres.org