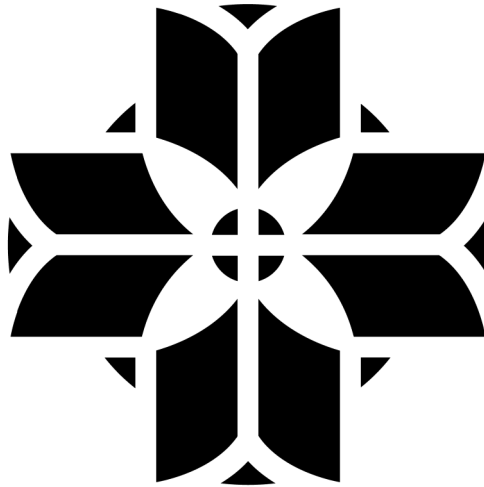


*"You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word."*

*Psalm 138:2*



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA

October 12, 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

October 12, 2025

Gathering Song

“O Church Arise”

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 68:32-35

**Leader:**

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

Song of Worship

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

Confession of Sin

God’s Law, summarizing Exodus 20:1-17

**Leader:**

As we consider God’s holiness and our sin, people of God, let’s read together the summation of the moral law of God:

**Congregation:**

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not make images of God or anything in creation and you shall not worship them.

You shall not take God’s name in vain.

You shall keep the Sabbath holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

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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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You shall not steal.  
You shall not bear false witness.  
You shall not covet.

Heavenly Father, we have sinned and failed to keep Your commandments. We confess that we have not loved You, our God, with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Galatians 4:4-7**

### ***Leader:***

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## **Song of Faith**

**“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”**

## **Receiving New Members and Sacrament of Baptism**

First Service: Teagan Bocock, Cameron Bocock

- Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

First Service: Finley Bocock, Boone Bocock, covenant children of Brian and Natalie Bocock

### **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 these children?

## **Song (Second service)**

**“Jesus, with Thy Church Abide”**

## 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 God's Sovereign Rule

**"This Is My Father's World"**

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

## Sermon

**Todd Pruitt**

The Book of Revelation  
Part 17—"The Church at War"  
*Revelation 7:1-8*  
(Pew Bible Page #968)

## Song of Response

**"O Church of Christ Invincible"**

## Announcements

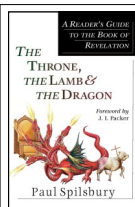
**"Doxology"**

## Benediction

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## Recommended Reading

The Book Nook is currently featuring some excellent titles on the Book of Revelation and the Bible's teaching on last things. If the book is not available in our Book Nook, you may purchase it from your favorite book seller.



***The Throne, The Lamb, and The Dragon: A Reader's Guide to the Book of Revelation*** by Paul Spilsbury

A concise and easy to read overview of the Book of Revelation with special emphasis on helping the reader understand the symbolic language of this often times challenging portion of God's Word.



***The Returning King: A Guidebook to the Book of Revelation*** by Vern Poythress

"A remarkably clear and easy-to-read exposition.

Although written for the 'man in the pew,' this work reveals not only a broad knowledge of the literature on Revelation but also a great deal of personal reflection on its meaning for life in today's world."

— Robert Mounce



***The Future of Everything: Essential Truths About the End Times*** by William Boekestein

"Here is a clear, orderly survey of what the Bible teaches us to expect as God works out His purpose for His world."

— J.I. Packer



# 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 charged Adam and Eve with the task of tending and keeping the land and creatures, giving them opportunity to glorify Him through work. (Genesis 1-2)

### 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 <sup>st</sup> Grade: C-200	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: C-203	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: C-204	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: C-205	5 <sup>th</sup> 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)** *meets in Annex 5* | Scripture makes it clear that church membership is an invaluable facet of life in Christ's kingdom, so we pray that you will consider it. Taking the Welcome to Covenant class does not bind you to membership, but it is the first step toward becoming a member. This class is taught by Pastor Burress McCombe and elders John Stevens and Jim Smith. If you have questions about the class, contact Sarah Plonsky ([sarahp@cov-pres.org](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 News

*We grieve with Keith and Jane Fowler and Todd and Jen Fowler, the death of Keith and Todd's mother, Jacque Fowler, on Saturday, October 4.*

## 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.

#### **October**

- 15th - Come make a fun fall-themed craft with us.
- 22nd - Fun in the sun at Myers Pumpkin Patch!
- 29th - Join us for our monthly potluck and guest speaker.

### 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](mailto:lisa@cov-pres.org)) with any questions.

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

### Youth Ministries

**Today, October 12: No Youth Group.**

**Next weekend, October 19: No Youth Group.** See you at the groundbreaking ceremony!

### 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!



Student Info

### 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, 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](http://www.cov-pres.org) (Ministries/Women/Bible Studies), for details and contacts for each study.



## **Women's Breakfast**

*Saturday, October 18, 8:30-10:00 a.m.*

Join us for a special "Ask the Elder" Women's Ministry Breakfast. We will gather in the activity room for a delicious breakfast, sweet time of fellowship, and to hear a few of our elders answer questions that you will have the opportunity to submit when you RSVP. All women are welcome. Bring a friend.



## **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 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](http://www.cov-pres.org) (Ministries/Men/Bible Studies) and use the contact information to reach out to a leader for more details.

## **Missionary Update Sunday School Class**

*Sunday, October 19, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Mobile 1*

Next Sunday, during the Global Prayer Focus, we will hear from a family (names withheld for security) in our church body who is planning to leave us soon to begin the work of planting a church among an unreached language group in Southeast Asia. This will involve years of language learning, culture acclimation, and ultimately the translation of Scriptures into the local language, while proclaiming the gospel through their lives and conversations. There will be a more in-depth discussion during the Sunday School hour in Mobile 1, with time for questions and answers. Covenant will provide financial and prayer support for this family via the missions committee and other individuals in the church. Come hear how this family is praying that the Lord will minister in and through them.

## **Groundbreaking Ceremony**

*Sunday, October 19, 6:00 p.m., Grounds in front of the church (weather permitting)*

Join us as we celebrate our City on a Hill building project with an outdoor groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, October 19, weather permitting. We will have a brief ceremony of thanksgiving followed by a time of fellowship with light refreshments.

## **Fall Festival**

*Sunday, October 26, 3:00 p.m. until dark, at the Marsh farm in Port Republic*

A fun family event for the entire church body with the purpose of enjoying fellowship with one another and to share the joy that God has given us with our friends from the community. Bring a big pot of your favorite beef stew. (Out of respect for our friends from other cultures, **please no pork or gelatin products.**) Bring lawn chairs or blankets for comfortable seating, invite a friend, and stick around later for a bonfire and sing-along! Interested in helping? Sign up with the QR code or on our website to volunteer.



## **Lost and Found**

Our lost and found closet (located in the east corner closet between the library door and the east lobby

entrance) is full and ready to be cleaned out and donated. Stop by the closet and look through the items you may have left behind. There are plenty of Bibles that need to be returned home! The closet will be cleaned out at the end of October.

### **Parent & Youth Equipping Conference – Registration coming in October!**

Mark your calendars now! On January 16-17, 2026, the Youth Ministry will be hosting 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](http://www.takethemameal.com). Contact the church office for passwords.

**Brad and Hannah Billings**

**Woodie and Haley Kerlin**

**Cedar Hill Kid's Club snacks** (last name: Cedar Hill, password: cedarhill) Harrisonburg

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

### **Fall Events**

We have numerous events in the life of our church this fall that require multiple hands for various tasks. Sharon Armentrout, our hospitality coordinator, is seeking volunteers to help! Scan the QR to sign up where you are able to serve. There are a wide variety of dates and times.



Fall Events 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](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.

# 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 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

### **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, Hospitality Coordinator  
Nancy Frutuoza, Ministry Support  
Grace Good, Ministry Support  
Rebecca Griffin, Ministry Support  
Ninive Logie, Ministry Support  
Melissa Ritter, Ministry Support

**Facility Staff**

Drew Brunk, Facilities Manager  
Gus Kagey, Custodian  
Jeremy Keplinger, Custodian

**Ruling Elders**

Hal Baker**	Mike Marsh
Greg Becker	J.D. Patton
Larry Chico	Don Perkuchin**
Ryan Chico	Gary Shickel
Steve Draper**	Jim Smith
Justin Hormel*	John Stevens
Isaac Hutchison	Anthony Tongen
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

*\*Sabbatical \*\*Emeritus*

**Contact Information**

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