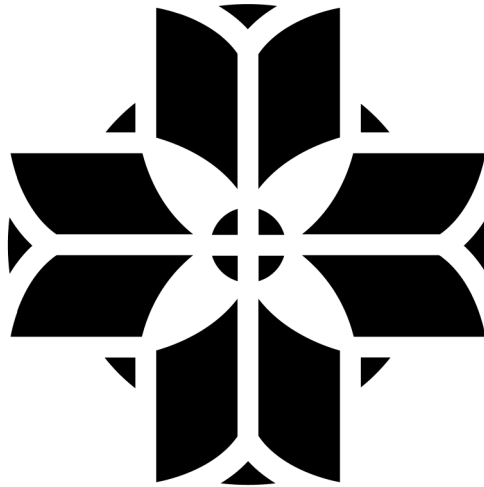


"You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word."

Psalm 138:2



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA

October 19, 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

October 19, 2025

Gathering Song

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalms 67:1-4, Psalm 147:1

Leader:

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Praise the LORD!
For it is good to sing praises to our God.

Song of Praise

“May the Peoples Praise You”

Confession of Sin

Congregation:

Almighty and merciful Father,
You have called us to be Your people and have made us one body.
Yet we have not lived like we are one body.

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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 have not loved one another as we ought.

Selfish ambition has gripped us, and we have failed to look out for others' interests above our own.

Conceit has gripped us, and we have failed to associate with and care for those who are different from ourselves.

We have not treated one another as those in whom Christ dwells.

Forgive us for our offenses against You, and go on to subdue everything in us that is contrary to Your purposes through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10

Leader:

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Song of Christ's Church

"The Church's One Foundation"

Global Prayer Focus

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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 Resting in Jesus

"Come Unto Jesus"

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

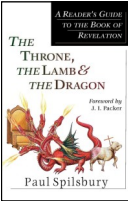
Sermon

Todd Pruitt

The Book of Revelation
Part 18: "The Church at Rest"
Revelation 7:9-8:1
(Pew Bible Page #969)

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: Having completed His creation on the sixth day, God rested on the seventh day, establishing a model for His people to rest from their work on the Sabbath. (Genesis 2; Exodus 20)

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) *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).

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.

- October 22 - Fun in the sun at Myers Pumpkin Patch!
- October 29 - 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) with any questions.

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

Youth Ministries

Today, October 19: No Youth Group. See you at the groundbreaking ceremony!

Next Sunday, October 26: No Youth Group. See you at the Fall Festival!

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, 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, 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.

Missionary Update Sunday School Class

Today, October 19 10:00-11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

This morning, 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 5:00 p.m., note time clarification

Today, October 19, 5:00 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 this evening, 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

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.



Directions to the Marsh farm: From Port Republic Road at the I-81 overpass, head east on Port Republic Road (Rt. 253) for nine miles. Turn left on Doe Hill Road, continue about ½ mile to paved, tree-lined driveway on right. Watch for “Fall Festival” signs.

Prayer Meeting

Sunday, November 2, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Multi-purpose Room East

Because of the vital importance of prayer, we will gather for corporate times of prayer on the first Sunday evening every other month. We hope you will join us as we seek the Lord in prayer for each other, the church, our neighbors, and our nation.

Parent & Youth Equipping Conference – Registration now open!

January 16-17, 2026

Mark your calendars now! In January, 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. Visit the church website for more information and to register using the QR code.



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.

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.

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, 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. He is the first step in receiving individual or family counseling through Covenant. You may make an appointment with him by scanning the QR code or calling him at the church office. 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.



Scheduling

After Hours Care Line

A pastor is on call when the church office is closed. In the case of a personal or 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 number is to be used *only* in the case of person or family emergencies that occur outside of business hours.

**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

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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Pastoral Staff • Teaching Elders

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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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Sarah Kalichman, Cross-Cultural Community Liaison, MNA
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Support Staff

Sharon Armentrout, Hospitality Coordinator
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Rebecca Griffin, Ministry Support
Ninive Logie, Ministry Support
Melissa Ritter, Ministry Support
Reilly Zwanzig, 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

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