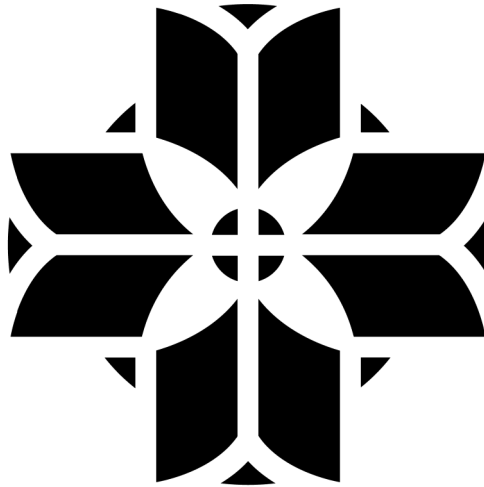


"You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word."

Psalms 138:2



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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA

December 7, 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

December 7, 2025

Gathering Song

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"
Second Service "Ve, Dí en La Montaña"

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Advent Reading

Luke 1:39-45

Leader:

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

En esos días María se levantó y fue apresuradamente a la región montañosa, a una ciudad de Judá; 40 y entró en casa de Zacarías y saludó a Elisabet. Cuando Elisabet oyó el saludo de María, la criatura saltó en su vientre; y Elisabet fue llena del Espíritu Santo, y exclamó a gran voz: "¡Bendita tú entre las mujeres, y bendito el fruto de tu vientre! ¿Por qué me ha acontecido esto a mí, que la madre de mi Señor venga a mí? Porque apenas la voz de tu saludo llegó a mis oídos, la criatura saltó de gozo en mi vientre. Y bienaventurada la que creyó que tendrá cumplimiento lo que le fue dicho de parte del Señor".

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-3

Congregation:

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

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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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Canten al Señor un cántico nuevo; canten al Señor, toda la tierra. Canten al Señor, bendigan Su nombre; proclamen de día en día las buenas nuevas de Su salvación. Cuenten Su gloria entre las naciones, Sus maravillas entre todos los pueblos.

Song of Adoration

**“O Come All Ye Faithful”
Second Service “Venid, Fieles Todos”**

Confession of Sin

Congregation:

O Holy Lord,
You are righteous and pure. Who can endure the day of Your coming and who can stand when You appear?

Our self-centeredness and idolatry are like filth before You. Our best efforts are like dross. Our hearts are full of impurity.

O Lord, burn away our impurities. Cleanse away the filth of our sin. O perfect Lamb slain for our sins, may Your advent among us convict us of our need for holiness and draw our hearts toward conviction of sin. Amen.

*Oh Señor Santo,
Eres justo y puro. ¿Quién podrá soportar el día de tu venida? ¿Y quién podrá resistir cuando tú aparezcas?*

Nuestro egocentrismo e idolatría son como inmundicia ante Ti. Nuestros mejores esfuerzos son como escoria. Nuestros corazones están llenos de impureza.

Oh Señor, quema nuestras impurezas. Limpia la inmundicia de nuestro pecado. Oh Cordero perfecto, inmolado por nuestros pecados, que tu llegada entre nosotros nos convenza de nuestra necesidad de santidad y atraiga nuestros corazones hacia la convicción de pecado. Amén.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 40:1-2

Leader:

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

“Consuelen, consuelen a Mi pueblo”, dice su Dios. “Hablen al corazón de Jerusalén Y díganle a voces que su lucha ha terminado, Que su iniquidad ha sido quitada, Que ha recibido de la mano del Señor El doble por todos sus pecados”.

Song of God's Glory

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Second Service “Ángeles Cantando Están”**

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.

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

Sermon

Todd Pruitt

The Book of Revelation
Part 25: He Shall Reign Forever and Ever
Revelation 11:15-19
(Pew Bible Page #971)

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

We welcome Nora Hoch as she joins us for communion for the first time this morning and we rejoice in her profession of faith.

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 publicly, 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

**“Joy to the World”
Second Service “Al Mundo Paz”**

Announcements

“Doxology”

Benediction

Building map is in print edition, available on-site.

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, 2025, and potty-trained through Pre-K

Early Childhood Lesson Plan: Through God's angel, Zechariah learned that he and Elizabeth would have a son. John was born to get God's people ready for the Savior. (Luke 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:	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 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)

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

December 7—February 22

Disciplines of a Godly Man *meets in Multi-purpose Room West, taught by elders Isaac Hutchison, Larry Chico, and Anthony Tongen* | The first edition of this book was written over thirty years ago, and the impact is hard to ignore as it holds the ranks as a classic work on mature Christian faith. Every Christian must be equipped in the commands and wisdom of Scripture. When so many books on discipleship are either way too thin or leave out significant matters, this book does not. We encourage you to get a copy at our Book Nook (\$11) and join us as we seek to walk in disciplines that God has for every man. Interpretation in Spanish will be available.

Disciplines of a Godly Woman *meets in Multi-purpose Room East, taught by members Amanda Severns and Jill Propst, and Director of Women's Ministry, Sarah DeBoer* | After her husband published *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, Barbara undertook the work to produce for the church a complementary work of similar value. She will challenge us to grow in Christian maturity, showing what Titus 2 means in everyday life. She unpacks the rich and proper Biblical disciplines that all women need for life and godliness. Please get a copy in the Book Nook (\$11) and join us as we seek to walk in disciplines that God has for every woman. Interpretation in Spanish will be available.

Covenant Theology for High School Students *meets in the Mezzanine, led by Pastors John Kidd and Todd Pruitt* | Covenant theology helps us see the Bible as one connected story of God's faithful plan to redeem a people for himself. In this class we will explore how God relates to his creation through covenants, which are commitments he makes and fulfills, beginning with Adam and ending with the Second Adam, Jesus Christ. This class will be taught to high school students, but all are welcome to join as we study, discuss, and deepen our understanding of God's faithful, saving work.

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.

Covenant Family News

We grieve with Puzant and Lauren Balozian and their children Vahak, Ari, and Yervant at the death of Lauren's father, Douglas Stone. He went home to be with the Lord on November 21.

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.

- December 10—Our monthly breakfast potluck with guest speaker, Stacey Brady
- December 17—Come decorate Christmas cookies with us!
- December 24—No playgroup—Merry Christmas!
- December 31—No playgroup—Happy New Year!

Youth Ministries

Today, December 7, 3:30-5:45 p.m.: *Note the time!* Youth Group caroling at various locations.

Next Sunday, December 14, 4:00-5:45 p.m.: CPYG Christmas Party! Meet at the activity room. Come dressed in Christmas attire!

Family Skate Night

Monday, December 15, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Join us at Funky's Skate Center (100 Miller Circle, Harrisonburg). Admission and standard "quad" skates are free but you may rent your own in-line skates. Come ready to fellowship with others from Covenant and welcome Kids' Club and ESL families! All ages are invited and skating is not required. Contact Sarah Kalichman (skalichman@pcanet.org) or Lisa Updike (lisa@cov-pres.org) with questions.

Theology Night for College-Aged Young Men

This is a time for college-aged young men ages 18-24 to discuss theology with Pastor Todd. We will meet on December 14 at 4:00 p.m. at the home of James and Ardith Kauffman. Dinner will be served after the discussion ends at 5:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, register using the "Registrations" QR Code below.

Women Mentoring Women

Starting January 2026, we will begin offering small group mentoring. These groups of three to four women are designed to help women grow spiritually by diving into Scripture and exploring specific topics through the lens of discipleship. Each group will focus on a topic and will meet twice a month for one hour from January through June. Sign-up using the "Registrations" QR Code below.

Women's Retreat, February 26-28, 2026—Registration open!

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! Register using the "Registrations" QR code on the previous page.

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- To [see our calendar](#), visit our website (Get Connected/Calendar) for a complete list of church events.
 - To [register for events](#), scan the QR code at the right.
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Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 13, 8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

You and your older sons are invited to join us for our next quarterly breakfast this upcoming Saturday. We will meet in the Activity Room for food, fellowship, and teaching through 2 Timothy. Use the “Registrations” QR code on the previous page to sign up. This is also a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor.

We Appreciate All Our Children's Ministries Workers!

All who serve in Children's Ministries here at Covenant are invited, along with their families, to stop by the “Treehouse” this morning to enjoy some yummy Christmas goodies! It's our way of saying, “Thanks for all you do! You're the best!”

Guest Luncheon

Sunday, December 7, 12:30 p.m.—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.

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays Seminar

Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m., Annex 1

When you're grieving the death of a family member or friend, you may dread the holiday season. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions, and obligations leave you anxious and overwhelmed. *Surviving the Holidays* is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death whether facing a more recent loss or one that occurred many years ago. Topics to be discussed include dealing with hard-hitting emotions, what to do about traditions, how to survive social events, and where to find comfort and strength. No cost to register. No child care provided. Register using the QR Code.



Parent and Youth Equipping Conference

January 16-17, 2026

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 “Registrations” QR code on the previous page.

Year-End Giving

To be considered tax deductible for 2025, the IRS requires that gifts be delivered by December 31. They may be placed in the offering baskets, hand-delivered to the church office (we are closed Wednesday, December 31), post-marked by December 31, or charged to a credit card by December 31, 2025. Year-end statements will be sent to you by January 31, 2026. To ensure the deductibility of your contributions, do not file your 2025 income tax return until you receive written acknowledgment of your contributions. There is a possibility that the IRS may not allow deduction of some of your contributions if you file your tax return before receiving written acknowledgment from the church. If you are interested in making a stock contribution, contact Kendal (kendal@cov-pres.org or 540-433-3051).

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 Bridgewater

Steven and Anna Courtney Broadway

Shawn and Rachel Gordon Rockingham

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

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

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.



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 Christmas and New Year Schedule

Sunday, December 21—English-speaking services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., Spanish-speaking service at 11:15 a.m. | Children's Church provided and Sunday School will meet as usual.

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 p.m. | Join us for a time of Scripture, song, and celebration of our Savior's birth. There will be no nursery so that families may worship together. An offering will be collected at this service to support the Mercy Fund.

Sunday, December 28—All Worship Services Combined (English and Spanish) at 9:30 a.m. | Nursery provided. No children's church. Children, Youth, and Adult Sunday School will not meet.

Sunday, January 4—English-speaking services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., Spanish-speaking service at 11:15 a.m. | Children's Church provided and Sunday School will meet as usual.

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.



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

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Sarah Pruett

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Sarah Plonsky

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Burress McCombe

Youth Ministry

John Kidd

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Phil Mahaffey, Pastor of Cross-Cultural Ministries

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Sarah Kalichman, Cross-Cultural Community Liaison, MNA
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Steve Draper**	Jim Smith
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David Lee	Anthony Tongen
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Ben Jacobsen	Michael Wilburn
Chet Landes	Mike Yoder

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