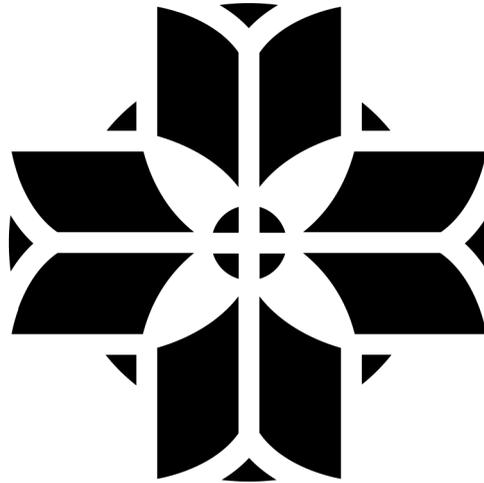


*"You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word."*

*Psalm 138:2*



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA

March 8, 2026

# 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

March 8, 2026

Gathering Song

“Thy Mercy, My God”

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 146:5-10

**Leader:**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

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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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## Song of Worship

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

## Confession of Sin

adapted from Daniel 9:4-19

**Leader:**

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

**Congregation:**

we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.

**Leader:**

We have not listened to your Word and heeded your spirit.

**Congregation:**

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he has set before us in his Word.

**Leader:**

Incline your ear and hear, O God.

**Congregation:**

For we do not present our plea before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 25:6-10

**Leader:**

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## Song of Praise

“Christus Victor”

## Global Prayer Focus

## Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-24

**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 Repentance**

**"Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor"**

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

**Sermon**

**Todd Pruitt**

*The Book of Revelation*  
Part 34: "Will Not a Righteous God Visit for These Things?"  
Revelation 16:1-11  
(Pew Bible Page #973)

**Song of Response**

**"Only a Holy God"**

**Announcements**

**"Doxology"**

**Benediction**

**Building map in print version, available on site.**

# Children’s Ministries

## Check-in

Check in your children for Sunday ministries at any of our four stations (Main, Nursery, or Children’s Wing lobbies). All participating children must wear their printed nametag.

## 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 and potty-trained through Pre-K. The New 3’s class has begun. If your child turned 3 after September 30, 2025 and are potty trained, they may join this class and Children’s Church. See below for more information.*

**Early Childhood Lesson Plan:** Jesus claimed authority in the temple, restoring it to its proper use. (Luke 19, Mark 11)

### Children’s Church

New 3’s, Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten’s Children’s Church is held in the Activity Room (1st service) and C-109 (2nd service). Children are released at a specified time during worship and will return for the doxology and benediction. Please pick them up at the end of the service from the front row on the piano side of the sanctuary.

### Sunday School for New 3’s, Preschool and Pre-K 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Sunday School classrooms—New 3’s: C-105, Preschool: C-106, Pre-K: C-104

## Elementary Sunday School

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

After check-in, Grades 1-5 meet in the Activity Room before heading to class. Kindergarten goes directly to their classroom during the Sunday School hour.

Kindergarten:	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 Ashley Hormel

**Sr. High, Grades 9-12, meets in the Youth Room** | led by Pastor John Kidd, Pastor Burress McCombe, and Ruling Elder John Stevens

*(Building map on previous page)*

# Spring Adult Sunday School

March 1— May 31, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Sharing and Defending the Faith** *meets in the Sanctuary, taught by Pastor Aaron Roberts* | The Scriptures teach us that we are ambassadors for Christ. God has placed around each of us certain individuals with whom we can share the gospel. Often it seems like a daunting task. Our study will develop your ability for both evangelism and apologetics while increasing your confidence in the power of the gospel that leads to salvation. This class will not meet on Sunday, March 29.

**Gospel-Centered Life** *meets in Multi--purpose Room East, taught by Pastor Tim Frost* | Many Christians speak of the gospel, but how many really understand it and apply it to their lives? We want to love and be loved, yet living in the church often ends up being harder than we thought. This course teaches how the gospel seizes our hearts, shapes our everyday lives, and transforms us into a genuine community.

**Welcome to Covenant (Membership Class)** *meets in Mezzanine, taught by Pastors Burress McCombe and John Kidd and Ruling Elder John Stevens* | 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. 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, facilitated 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 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 members 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 celebrate with Seth and Sarah May Chavez, the birth of their daughter Mabel Colleen, on Saturday, February 28. Mabel weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long.*

## 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.

- March 11—meet us at the arboretum for outdoor fun (weather dependent)
- March 18—come make a fun Easter craft with us
- March 25—join us for our monthly potluck and guest speaker

### Youth Ministries

**Today, March 8, 4:00-5:45 p.m.: Youth Group!** Youth meet at the activity room.

**Next Sunday, March 15, 4:00-5:45 p.m.: Youth Group!** Youth meet at the activity room.

### Theology Night for Young Adults

*Sunday, March 15, 4:00 p.m.*

We welcome all young adults, ages 18 through mid-20s to a night of theology instruction and discussion with Pastor Todd. We'll meet at the church 4:00 p.m., and then enjoy dinner together after the discussion ends at 5:30 p.m. We welcome you to invite friends, but please ask them to register too, by using the "Registrations" QR Code below. (Participants must have graduated high school in order to attend.)

### Through the Roof Respite Day

*Saturday, March 21, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Activity Room*

Volunteers hang out with kids so parents who have children and teens with disabilities get a break! Games, crafts, activities, and lunch will be provided. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this event or if you would like to RSVP for your child to attend, contact Sarah Pruett.

### Women's Bible Studies

We welcome all women to participate in a Bible study. These are wonderful opportunities for fellowship, connection, and growth in God's Word. Visit our website (Ministries/Women/Bible Studies) for details and contacts for each study.

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

## Welcome to Covenant Class

Our abbreviated version of the Welcome to Covenant class will be offered tonight and tomorrow night (March 8-9), 6:00-8:30 pm. If you wish to attend, please register for the class by scanning the QR code in the registrations section of the bulletin, 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](mailto:sarahp@cov-pres.org)).

# 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.

**Tyler and Niki Amiss** Harrisonburg

**Seth and Sarah May Chavez** McGaheysville

**David and Emily Cowan** Harrisonburg

**Dan and Caroline Luther** Keezletown

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

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

## Children's Ministries

There are many opportunities to serve in Children's Ministries, particularly with our younger children! Consider filling one of the following needs:

**1st Sundays:** Walker nursery during the Sunday School hour

**1st Sundays:** Children's Church during second service (2 people)

**2nd Sundays:** Pre-K Sunday School class (1 extra helping hand)

**New 3's Class:** Join the team discipling our 3-year-olds during the Sunday School hour

## Church Events

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



## **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.



### **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.



## 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.

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**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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# Staff & Leadership

## 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  
Grace Good, Director of Administration  
Lisa Updike, Director of Children's Ministries  
Kendal Butler, Associate Director of Finance  
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 Frutuozo, Ministry Support  
Rebecca Griffin, Ministry Support  
Nínive 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
Isaac Hutchison	John Stevens
David Lee	Anthony Tongen
Josh Lookabill*	Jerry Weniger

## 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

**Worship Facility Address:** 546 W. Mosby Rd., Harrisonburg, VA 22801  
**Offices and Mailing Address:** 32 Southgate Ct., Suite 101, Harrisonburg, VA 22801  
**Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday-Friday 9:00-4:00 p.m., Tuesday, 11:00-4:00 p.m.  
**Phone:** 540-433-3051    **Email:** [office@cov-pres.org](mailto:office@cov-pres.org)    **Web:** [www.cov-pres.org](http://www.cov-pres.org)

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

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