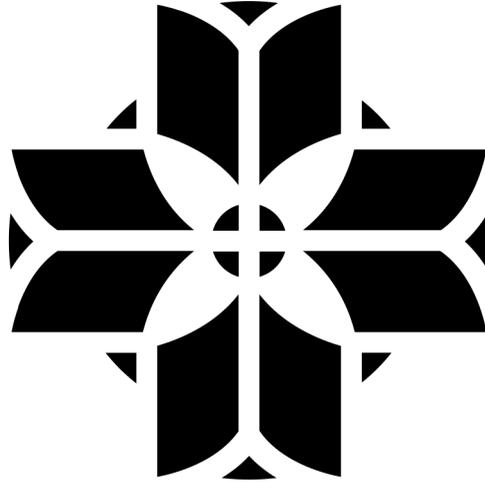


"You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word."

Psalm 138:2



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March 29, 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.

Worship Service

March 29, 2026

Gathering Song

“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 111:1-3

Leader:

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

Music Sung Over Us

Children’s Choir

Song of Praise

“Hosanna, Lord Save Us”

Confession of Sin

Congregation:

Our Father,

We confess to you that our sins are grave and they are many.

We have sinned in thought, word, and deed.

We have not loved you with all our heart and soul.

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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 you with all our mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Forgive us for what we have done and left undone.
Forgive our lack of love.
Forgive our lack of holiness.
We are heartily sorry for our sins and ask for your mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 44:21-22

Leader:

Remember these things, O Jacob,
and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you; you are my servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Song of Hope

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Prayer of Intercession

Please pass the attendance registers down your row.

Mercy Fund, 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 Lament

“My God, My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me?”

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

Sermon

Todd Pruitt

Signs of Life at the Place of Death
Matthew 27:27-54
(Pew Bible Page #783)

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

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

“Christus Victor”

Announcements

“Doxology”

Benediction

Bulletin 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 is potty trained, they may join this class and Children’s Church. See below for more information.

Early Childhood Lesson Plan: Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven. (Luke 23)

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: 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 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 this 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).

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 grieve with Bill and Marilyn Reed; Cindy Whitcomb; and Jeff and Rebecca Griffin the death of Bill and Marilyn's son, Cindy's brother, and Jeff's uncle, Chris Reed, on Tuesday, March 17.

We grieve with Lynette Michael the death of her stepfather, John "Johnnie" Martin, on Saturday, March 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.

- April 1—Easter Egg Hunt at the Purple Park in Dayton

Youth Ministries

Today, March 29: No Youth Group.

Next Sunday, April 5: No Youth Group.

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.

Women's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, April 18, 2026, 8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m., Activity Room

Mark your calendars! We will serve a tasty breakfast, be taught from the Word of God, and fellowship together around the tables. This is always a wonderful time to connect as women in the church and hear important updates and announcements. Plan to join us and bring a friend! Register by using the "Registrations" QR Code below.

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.

Covenant Songbooks

Covenant Songbooks (vocal or chord) for personal worship can be purchased in our Book Nook. These are updated from previous versions to include new songs we sing in worship services and revisions and are available for only the cost of printing (\$3/vocal and \$5/chord). Full sets for home groups, Bible studies, and ministries are available at no cost. Please contact Reilly Zwanzig (reilly@cov-pres.org), Ministry Support for Worship, if you'd like a set of new songbooks for your ministry.

- 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.



Sharing and Defending the Faith Sunday School Class

This class will not meet on Sunday, March 29.

Easter Devotionals

We developed a 15-day devotional to guide your spiritual preparation today through Easter Sunday, April 5. It's a great way to consider the death and resurrection of Christ. It also may be a helpful tool for you and your family to get in the habit of reading and considering the Word together. There is a passage of Scripture, a meditation or devotional, a song, and a family connection section for each day. Join us as we give thanks for the work of Christ on the cross.

Mercy Fund Offering

We will take an offering on Palm Sunday, March 29, for the mercy fund. Our deacons oversee the distribution of these funds to those in need. We distribute about \$100,000 annually from the fund to meet needs in our congregation, in the community and with partner organizations. This money is generously contributed by our congregation. You may put your gift in the mercy fund envelope that will be provided in your bulletin that Sunday or write Mercy Fund on the memo line of your check.

Holiday Church Offices Hours

The church office will be closed Monday, April 6 for Easter.

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.takethemeal.com. Contact the church office for passwords.

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, 2nd Service Children's Church: 2 people needed

2nd Sundays, Pre-K Sunday School class: 1 extra helping hand

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.



Easter Services

Jesus' purpose was the cross. He came to die. He came to show us the glory of God. He came for us—to save us. During the week when we remember Christ's passion, we see triumph, despair, betrayal, indescribable agony, and unexpected joy. As followers of Jesus, we enter into this week celebrating his sacrifice and his resurrection as we seek to serve him. Join us in worshiping our King, the Lamb who was slain who sits upon the throne.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29, worship services at 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

We celebrate Jesus' Triumphal Entry as the crowds did with palm branches. We serve God in worship and ask him to prepare our hearts to be convicted and encouraged by the grief and grace of Easter week. There will be opportunity to give to the mercy fund on Palm Sunday.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

We celebrate communion commemorating the night that Jesus established the new covenant in his blood. We will enjoy a light meal of soup and bread together (please bring soup or stew and a loaf of pre-sliced bread or rolls to share). Then we'll move into a communion service while staying in fellowship around the tables.

Good Friday

Friday, April 3, 7:00–8:00 p.m., Sanctuary

In a service of Scripture, song, preaching and prayer, we remember the great work our Savior, Jesus Christ, did on the cross.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, worship services, 8:30 a.m. (English) and 11:15 a.m. (English/Spanish), Sanctuary

We rejoice in Jesus' resurrection. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

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 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

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

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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

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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
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Sarah Plonsky, Associate Director of Welcome and Assimilation

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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

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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**
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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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