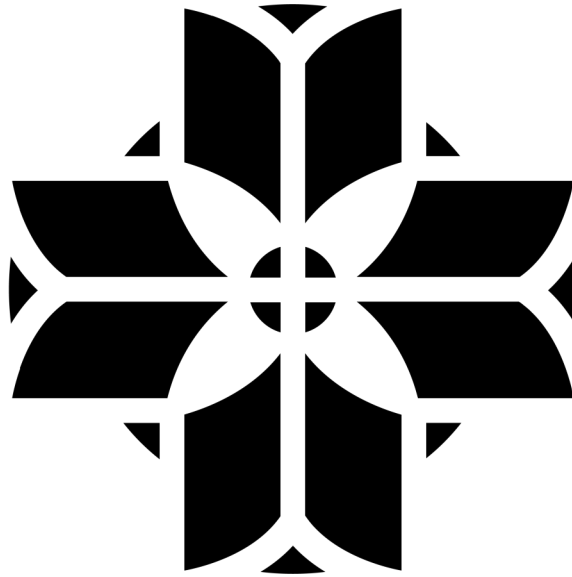


*"You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word."*

*Psalms 138:2*



# COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA

July 26, 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 share some information and answer any of your questions. Our church is filled with wonderful people eager to get to know you, minister to you, and help you get connected. Blessings in Christ.

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## Worship Service

July 26, 2026

Gathering Song

“Standing on the Promises”

Welcome

Prayer of Praise

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:28-31

**Leader:**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth;  
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.  
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,  
and let them say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!”

Song of Praise

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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.

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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.
  - A **Nursing Mother’s Room** is available in the nursery wing. It offers a private environment while allowing you to hear and see into the sanctuary, if desired.
  - **Large Print Sermon Notes** and **Lyric Sheets** are available at the sound booth.
  - **Headsets** are available at the sound booth for the hearing impaired.
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**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 pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. Amen.

#### **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 Assurance**

**"How Firm a Foundation"**

#### **Receiving New Members**

*First Service New Members:* Wally and Miriam Clark, Emmi Cupp, Zeke and Nikki Hamner, Paul and Clare Hudson, Clayt and Janneke Roberts, Ian and Laurianna Koeman

*First Service Baptisms:* Judah and Gabriel Koeman, covenant children of Ian and Laurianna Koeman

*Second Service Baptism:* Clara Denman

- 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?

#### **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 office at 32 Southgate Court, Suite 101, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.*

**Song of Conviction**

**"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"**

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**

**Aaron Roberts**

*Second Peter*  
Part 3 - "More Fully Confirmed"  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
(Pew Bible Page #957)

**Song of Response**

**"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"**

**Announcements**

**"Doxology"**

**Benediction**

Building map in print version, available onsite

## 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 if 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:** Cain murdered his brother Abel. But God, who promised Adam and Eve a Savior, sent Seth, through whose family the Savior would come. (Genesis 3-4; Hebrews 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.

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| Kindergarten:<br>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.

**Jr. High, Rising 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades, meets in Multi-purpose Room West** | led by Isaac Hutchison, and Michael and Karie Wilburn

**Sr. High, Rising 9<sup>th</sup>-Current 12<sup>th</sup> Grades, meets in the Youth Room** | led by Pastor John Kidd, Alexis Stevens, Hal Baker, and Mike Bollen

## Summer Adult Sunday School

*Beginning June 14, and continuing through July 26, 10:00-11:00 a.m.*

**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.

**An Invitation to Our Neighbors: The Call to Biblical Hospitality** *meets in the Sanctuary, led by Pastor Burress McCombe and Ruling Elder Emeritus Steve Draper* | This class will explore hospitality as a normal and joyful practice of Christian discipleship. Participants will examine biblical foundations for hospitality, learn practical ways to welcome neighbors and church members, and develop sustainable habits of everyday ministry through the home and table.

**Parenting Class** *meets in Multi-purpose Room East, taught by Ruling Elder Larry Chico and Amy Chico* | This is a class for parents of children of all ages still living in the home. We will be using Scripture and the book "Shepherding a Child's Heart" by Tedd Tripp as the source of material to be covered in the class. Though optional, participants are encouraged to purchase the book (copies are available in the Book Nook) and read material ahead of time in order to receive maximum benefit from the class. The weekly class structure will generally consist of a quick overview of topics from Scripture and the book, followed by small-group discussion of related questions.

**Reflection and Reorientation** *meets in Room 207, taught by Pastor Phil Mahaffey, Pastor Tim Frost, and Associate Director of Women's Ministries Sarah DeBoer* | This class will offer an opportunity for the Spanish congregation to process the past few years, ask questions, and talk about shared hopes for what God has in store for the future. This class will be in Spanish.

**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 Brian, Asher, Micah, Audrey Davis, John and Jeannine Misantone, the death of Angie on Friday, July 17. A memorial service will be held at Covenant on Saturday, August 8, 2:00 p.m.*

## Covenant Family Life

### Children's Ministries Summer Schedule

During the summer (June-August) on First Sundays, there is:

- No Children's Church during worship.
- No Sunday School or Nursery during the Sunday School hour.

### Youth Ministries

Today, July 26: No Youth Group.

Wednesday, July 29, 6:30-8:00 p.m.: Sr. High Coed Small Group meeting outside at the Meyerhoeffers'.

Next Sunday, August 2, 4:00-5:45 p.m.: Youth Group! Meet at the activity room.

### Summer College Ministry

*Tuesday, July 28, 7:00 p.m., James and Sarah Plonsky's home (14 Old Burke Mill Road, Weyers Cave)*

College-aged students, join us for a time of study and fellowship. Teaching with Pastor Burress will begin at 7:00, with snacks and fellowship afterwards. Contact Sarah Plonsky with any questions [sarahp@cov-pres.org](mailto:sarahp@cov-pres.org).

### Women's Bible Studies

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

### 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.

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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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Events & Sign-ups



## Sunday, August 2 | Combined Worship

### Combined Worship Service | 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

- All services, English and Spanish, worship together.
- Nursery will be available.
- Children will worship with us, no Children's Church.
- Sunday School will not meet.

### Fellowship | 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Light refreshments will be provided by Covenant.
- Seating for fellowship will be available in the Multi-purpose Room and Activity Room. Bring blankets and lawn chairs to sit outside if the weather permits.



## Opportunities to Serve

### Meals Needs

Are you able to provide a meal to one of the families or groups in our church body? This is a great opportunity to encourage and connect, even with those you might not know. You might 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).

**Tyler and Kaila Spurlock** (last name: Spurlock, password: 8901), Harrisonburg

**Reid and Reilly Zwanzig** (last name: Zwanzig, password: Zwanzig), Mount Solon

## 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 that lets you donate to cover the processing fees charged by 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 donate through the Church Center app. After you log on to the app, click on the "GIVE" button.



### Online Banking - Bill Pay

Another easy and convenient way to give is to use the online bill pay feature, often available through online banking at many banks; you will need to check with your bank to verify its availability. When using this feature, request that a paper check 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

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## Recommended Reading

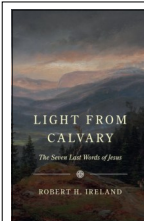
The Book Nook is currently featuring some excellent titles on the Book of Revelation and the Bible's teaching on last things. If the book is not available in our Book Nook, you may purchase it from your favorite book seller.



*Daily Doctrine* by Kevin DeYoung

"Using the time-honored genre of a daily devotional, Kevin DeYoung has produced a book that looks at the great doctrines that the Bible teaches. And in doing so, he enables us to grasp more fully the beauty and significance of Christian doctrine both for Bible reading and for how we live our lives."

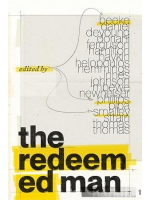
—Carl R. Trueman



*Light From Calvary* by Robert Ireland

A deeply moving collection of meditations on Christ's final words from the cross.

*The Redeemed Man* edited by Joel Beeke, Richard Phillips, and Paul Smalley



"For a culture deeply confused about manhood, this book is a timely and desperately needed resource. With contributions from a team of trusted pastors, it provides a remarkably comprehensive guide to the whole of a man's life."

—Scott Aniol

*The Beauty and Glory of the Last Things*  
edited by Joel Beeke

"This book is a great wake-up call to ponder afresh the great events that lie ahead and live lives of godly beauty in the light of them."

—Michael A. G. Haykin



## 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 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**

Burriss 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  
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       |
| Isaac Hutchison | John Stevens    |
| David Lee       | Anthony Tongen  |
| Josh Lookabill  | Jerry Weniger*  |

### Deacons

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Mark Bentz*     | Daniel Long        |
| Mike Brady      | Justin Michael     |
| Marshall Butler | Greg Montgomery    |
| Mike Downey     | Terry Pennington   |
| Doug Frederick  | Matt Reidenbach    |
| Chris Goehner   | Mark Shickel       |
| Dennis Houff    | John Wickenheiser* |
| Ben Jacobsen*   | Michael Wilburn    |
| Chet Landes     | Mike Yoder*        |
| Reid Linn**     |                    |

*\*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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