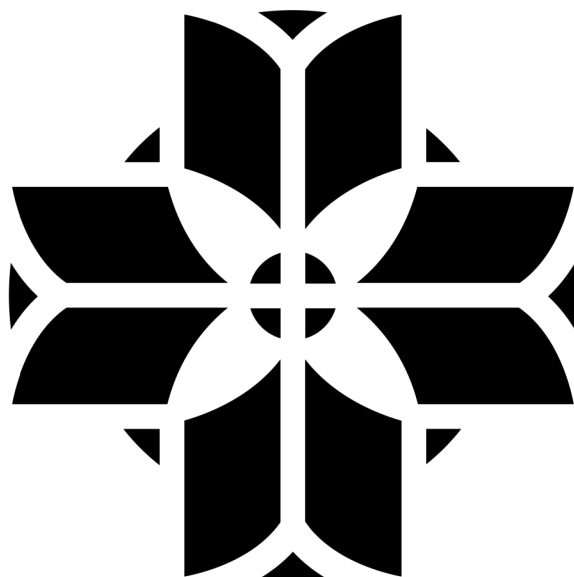


"You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word."

Psalms 138:2



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August 9, 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.

Worship Service

August 9, 2026

Gathering Song

“Christus Victor”

Welcome

Prayer of Praise

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:9-11

Leader:

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.
Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Song of Praise

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Confession of Sin

Congregation:

Holy, holy, holy God, Almighty and most gracious Father,

We confess that we have not trembled at your presence,
but instead presumed upon your grace.

We confess that we have not marveled at your goodness,
but instead have taken for granted your nearness.

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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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We confess that we have not despised our sin and the damage it causes,
but instead casually assumed the privileges of the Son of God as if we deserved them.

We fall down before you asking that you forgive us for making a mockery of your holiness.
We plead your mercy in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-20

Leader:

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of His inheritance?
He does not retain His anger forever,
because He delights in steadfast love.
He will again have compassion on us;
He will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.
You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism (1646) Question 2 & 3

Leader

What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

Congregation

The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Leader

What do the Scriptures principally teach?

Congregation

The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Song of Perseverance

“O Church of Christ Invincible”

Sacrament of Baptism (First Service)

Josephine Elise Kime, covenant child of Chris and Rachel Kime

Questions to the parents

- Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of

the Holy Spirit?

- Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
- Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question to the congregation

- Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Song (Second Service)

"Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor"

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

Song of Repentance

"Flee from Sin/Run to Jesus"

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Todd Pruitt

Second Peter
Part 3 - "Recognizing False Teachers"
2 Peter 2:10-16
(Pew Bible Page #958)

Song of Response

"This Is My Father's World"

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 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.

Children's Church

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 Children's Church. See below for more information.

New 3's, Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten's Children's Church is held in the Activity Room (First Service) and C-109 (Second 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. (*Building map on previous page*)

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)

**Early Childhood, Elementary, Youth, and Adult Summer Sunday
School classes have concluded for the summer.**

There will be no Sunday school for adults, youth, or children during the month of August. Fall classes will begin Sunday, September 6. Check back at the end of August for a listing of the fall classes.

Covenant Family Life

Youth Ministries

Today, August 9, 4:00-5:45 p.m.: Showing of *The Story of Everything* film in the mezzanine. All youth and parents welcome. Popcorn and drinks provided.

Wednesday, August 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.: FINAL Sr. High Coed Small Group meeting outside at the Meyerhoeffers'.

Next Sunday, August 16: No Youth Group.

Movie Showing: The Story of Everything

Today, August 9, 4:00-5:45 p.m., Activity Room

In summer Sunday school, the Sr. High youth have been studying how science and the Bible intersect and affirm what we know to be true of reality. As a culmination of our class, you are invited to join us for a showing of the movie *The Story of Everything*, which features some of the scholars we have been learning from. Popcorn and drinks provided. Suggested audience is 7th grade and up.

Prayer Night

Sunday, September 6, 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 make plans to join us as we seek the Lord in prayer for each other, the church, our neighbors, and our nation.

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.



Events & Sign-ups

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.

Ben and Kate Meyerhoeffer (last name: Meyerhoeffer, password: Kate), Mount Crawford

Volunteer in Children's Ministries

The new ministry year is right around the corner, and we need YOUR help in our Nursery, Children's Church programs, and Sunday School classes! If you're wondering how you can fulfill those vows you took when becoming a member, this is it! Come partner with us in the discipleship of the next generation, create meaningful and critically important relationships with the young ones at Covenant, and grow in the Word! Not Child Protection approved? Don't worry – we can help you with that! Visit www.cov-pres.org/ministries/children/child-protection to start the approval process. Keep in mind, we will have to close any nurseries, Children's Church programs, or Sunday School classes until they are fully staffed, so don't wait! Sign up today! Come see us in the lobby if you have questions or want more information about our needs. Or feel free to contact Lisa Updike (lisa@cov-pres.org) with any questions.

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 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

Recommended Reading

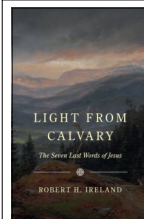
The Book Nook is currently featuring some excellent titles on the Book of Revelation and the Bible's teaching on last things. If the book is not available in our Book Nook, you may purchase it from your favorite book seller.



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."

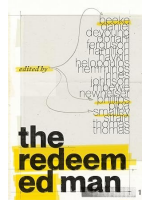
—Carl R. Trueman



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.

**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 & Officers

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Todd Pruitt, Lead Pastor
Tim Frost, Executive Pastor
Burriss 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
Sarah Pruett, Associate Director of Accessibility Ministries

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Nancy Frutuoso, 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

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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

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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**	

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Contact Information

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

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