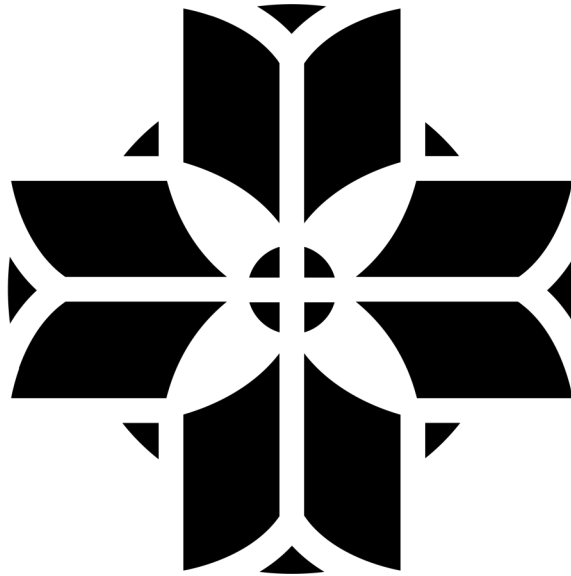


"You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word."

Psalm 138:2



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September 27, 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

September 27, 2026

Gathering Song

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

Welcome

Prayer of Praise

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1–3, Psalm 96:9

Leader:

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

Song of Worship

“O Worship the King”

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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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Confession of Sin

Congregation:

O Lord,

You are the Fount of every blessing.

You are the Creator of all things.

You are the Giver of all wisdom.

Yet, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

Forgive us for searching for joy outside of your revealed will.

Forgive us for worshiping your creation instead of worshiping you.

Forgive us for trusting only in our wisdom instead of looking to you in fear and reverence.

O Lord, we look to you for mercy in Christ's Name. 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.

Songs of Praise

"I Will Praise Him Still"

"Only a Holy God"

Greet One Another

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 Supplication

"Be Thou My Vision"

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Todd Pruitt

1 & 2 Samuel

Part 3 - An Offering to the Lord

1 Samuel 1:21–28

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Announcements

Doxology

Benediction

Recommended Reading

The Book Nook is currently featuring these and other excellent titles. If a particular 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

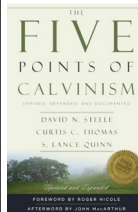
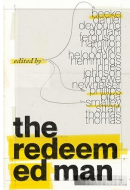
beauty and significance of Christian doctrine both for Bible reading and for how we live our lives.”

—Carl R. Trueman

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 Five Points of Calvinism by Steele, Thomas, & Quinn

“It is a privilege to commend this enlarged and revised edition to a new generation. A model of clarity, full of biblical teaching.”

—Sinclair Ferguson

“One could hardly wish for a better study resource to show the five points' faithfulness to Scripture. This disciplined display of the heart of the gospel calls for three of the loudest cheers we can give.” —J. I. Packer

“Truly a classic—clear, concise and warm in its presentation of historic Reformed theology. This latest edition is even better than the original.”

—R.C. Sproul

Building map is 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 and threes) during today’s services if enough volunteers are secured.

Early Childhood Sunday School

Children’s Church

Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten’s Children’s Church is held in the Activity Room (first service) and C-105 (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.

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 check-in, Grades 1–6 meet in the Activity Room before heading to class. Kindergarten goes directly to their classroom during the Sunday School hour. Parents with first through third graders will pick up their children from their classrooms. Children fourth grade and older will be dismissed to meet their parents.

Kindergarten: C-108 and C-109	1st: C-200	2nd A: C-202	2nd B: C-203	3rd: C-204	4th: C-205	5th: 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 Room C-207 | led by Ruling Elder Gary and Becky Shickel, and Clark and Brooke Driver
Jr. High, Grades 7–8, meets in Multipurpose Room West | led by Mike Martin, Tyler Garman, Ashley Hormel, and Colleen Ernst
Sr. High, Grades 9–12, meets in the Youth Room | led by Pastor John Kidd, Mike Bollen, Alexis Stevens, and Ruling Elder Isaac Hutchison

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Fall Adult Sunday School

September 6–November 29, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Grace Changes Everything *meets in the Sanctuary, taught by Pastor Todd Pruitt* | Early in the seventeenth century the Reformed faith hung in the balance. A popular movement led by students of the theology professor Jacob Arminius were arguing for a version of the faith which departed sharply from the rich inheritance gained from such men as Augustine (5th century) and the Protestant Reformers of the sixteenth century. Their theological innovations took the form of a document which specifically refuted five key points of doctrine affirmed both in Scripture and by the Protestant Reformers. Such a challenge demanded a response. From 1618–1619 the Dutch Reformed Church convened a special synod in the town of Dordrecht (Netherlands) and crafted a thorough response: The Canons of Dordt. This document not only refuted the five points of Arminianism, but it established the pastoral implications of the Scriptures' remarkable teachings concerning the gracious nature of salvation by grace alone through faith alone. This study will cover the history, explore the biblical foundations, and apply the comforting truths of the Doctrines of Grace.

Welcome to Covenant (Membership Class) *meets in Multi-Purpose Room East, taught by Pastor Burress McCombe and Ruling Elder David Lee* | Scripture makes it clear that church membership is an invaluable facet of life in Christ's kingdom. If you're a Christian, then it is vital to belong to a local church, and we pray that you will take this next step. While taking this class does not bind you to membership, 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 the opportunity to connect and digest God's Word in an easy-to-understand format. Join us on the first, third, and fifth 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 second and fourth Sundays.

Covenant Family News

Thank you for all the cards, texts, and prayers in the past few weeks with the passing of Anne's father. We are thankful for the friends that made the trip to Ohio. We felt very loved during this time. —Anne and Drew Brunk

Covenant Family Life

Moms & Tots Playgroup

Moms & Tots Playgroup is for moms and caregivers with children from birth to 5 years old. It is a 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 Wednesdays 9:30–11:30 a.m.! For more information, contact Katie Garbee or Susanna Glenn.

September 30: Free play

October 7: Free play

October 14: Myers Pumpkin Patch

October 21: Purcell Park Kids Castle

October 28: Potluck and guest speaker

Youth Ministries

Today, September 27, 4:00–5:45 p.m.: Youth Group! Youth meet at the activity room.

Next Sunday, October 4, 4:00–5:45 p.m.: Youth Group! Youth meet at the activity room.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 3, 8:30–10:00 a.m., Activity Room

You and your older sons are invited to join us for our next quarterly breakfast. We will meet for good teaching, food, and fellowship. Please see this as a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor. To sign up, use Church Center or the QR code at the bottom of this page. For more information, contact Aaron Roberts (aroberts@cov-pres.org).

Fall Festival

Sunday, October 18, 3:00 p.m. until dark., at the Marsh Farm in Port Republic

Join us for a fun family event for the entire church body! We will enjoy fellowship with one another and share the joy God has given us with our friends in the community.

Women's Bible Conference

Friday, January 15–Saturday, January 16

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Biblical Conference. This will be a special time of biblical teaching, encouragement, and fellowship that you won't want to miss. More details coming soon!

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 study details and contact information.



Scan this QR
code to view
and register
for events.

Events & Sign-ups

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.

Trail Life

Calling all men and boys! Trail Life USA Troop VA-1210 is a Christ-centered outdoor youth development program for boys in Kindergarten through 12th grade. We are looking for boys to join, and for dads and other men to serve as volunteers and mentors. For more information, contact Mark Say.

American Heritage Girls

Covenant Families, American Heritage Girls Troop VA-1199 is a Christ-centered ministry that encourages girls through adventure, leadership development, and mentoring. Our troop currently serves girls in 1st through 12th grades, and we hope to begin a Kindergarten program this year. We would love to welcome more Covenant families and are also seeking volunteers. Would you consider joining us? For more information, contact Christine Say.

Opportunities to Serve and Connect

Moms & Tots Playgroup Childcare Needed

Moms & Tots Playgroup needs three child-protection approved volunteers to provide childcare one Wednesday a month for two hours (9:30–11:30 a.m.). If you are willing to serve, please contact Katie Garbee.

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. Contact the church office for passwords.

Michael & Cayla Ball Harrisonburg

Dylan & Madison Nappier Broadway

David & Julie Sacra Bridgewater

Mosby Kids' Club Snacks (last name: Mosby, password: mosby), Harrisonburg

Giving 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 Church Center 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 Church Center. After you log on, 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

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

Katie Garbee

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

Stay Connected: Download Church Center



Staff & Officers

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
Sarah Pruett, Associate Director of Accessibility Ministries
Rachel Stratman, Youth Ministry Associate

Support Staff

Sharon Armentrout, Hospitality Coordinator
Nancy Frutuoso, Ministry Support
Rebecca Griffin, Ministry Support
Kellie Hutchison, 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*	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 **Web:** www.cov-pres.org

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

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