“You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.”
Psalm 138:2

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November 1, 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

November 1, 2026

Gathering Song **"Rise with the Sun"**

Welcome

Prayer of Praise

Call to Worship **Psalm/Salmo 66:1–4**

Leader:
Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

Aclamen con júbilo a Dios, habitantes de toda la tierra; canten la gloria de su nombre; Hagan gloriosa su alabanza. Digan a Dios: "¡Cuán portentosas son tus obras! Por la grandeza de tu poder, tus enemigos fingirán que te obedecen. Toda la tierra te adorará, y cantará alabanzas a ti; cantará alabanzas a tu nombre."

Song of Worship **"Only a Holy God"**

Confession of Sin

O Lord,
We pause in this moment to reflect on your holiness and our sin.
You are perfect and powerful.
You are the Author and Creator of life.
You are worthy of all worship and obedience, yet we have treated you like you should obey us.
We have acted like we have made ourselves and orchestrated our circumstances.
We have believed in our power instead of trusting in you.
Forgive us for our sin.
Forgive us for following after idols of our own making.
Forgive us, not because we are perfect, but because Christ was perfect on our behalf.
Amen.

- 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.

O Señor,
Tomamos este momento para reflexionar sobre tu santidad y nuestro pecado.
Eres perfecto y poderoso.
Eres el Autor y Creador de la vida.
Eres digno de toda de toda adoración y obediencia, pero hemos actuado como si tú tuvieras que obedecernos a nosotros.
Hemos actuado como si nos hubiéramos hecho a nosotros mismos, y arreglado nuestras propias circunstancias.
Hemos creído en nuestras fuerzas en vez de creer en ti.
Perdona nuestro pecado.
Perdónanos por andar tras ídolos que nosotros creamos.
Perdónanos, no porque seamos perfectos, sino que Cristo fue perfecto por nosotros.
Amén.

Assurance of Pardon **Isaiah/Isaías 43:1–3a, 25**

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

Mas ahora, así dice el SEÑOR tu Creador, oh Jacob, y el que te formó, oh Israel: "No temas, porque yo te he redimido, te he llamado por tu nombre; mío eres tú. Cuando pases por las aguas, yo estaré contigo, y si por los ríos, no te cubrirán. Cuando pases por el fuego, no te quemarás, ni la llama te abrasará. Porque yo soy el SEÑOR tu Dios, el Santo de Israel, tu Salvador; yo, yo soy el que borro tus transgresiones por amor a mí mismo, y no recordaré tus pecados."

Song of Praise **"Great Is Thy Faithfulness/Oh tu fidelidad"**

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 Faith **"O, to See the Dawn/El poder de la cruz"**

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon **Todd Pruitt**

1 & 2 Samuel
Part 8 - A Bad Day in the Temple of Dagon
1 Samuel 5:1–12
(Pew Bible page 214)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We welcome Isaiah Rice as he joins us for communion for the first time this morning and we rejoice in his profession of faith.

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 on the practice of communion and those who are 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 **"Behold Our God/Contempla a Dios"**

Announcements

Doxology/Doxología

Benediction

Building map in print version, available on site.

Nursery & Children's Church

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 children ages three and younger. Children during today's services and Sunday school if enough volunteers are secured.

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.

Where does my 3-year-old go?

Children who turned three before September 30, 2026, may attend Children's Church, and those who turned three after September 30 will stay in nursery and move up to Children's Church in spring 2027.

Sunday School for Children & Youth

10:00–11:00 a.m.

Preschool and Pre-K

Preschool classroom: C-106
Pre-K classroom: C-104

Kindergarten: C-108 & C-109	1st: C-200	2nd A: C-202	2nd B: C-203	3rd: C-204	4th: C-205	5th: C-206

Grades K–5

After check-in, kindergarten goes directly to their classroom during the Sunday school hour and grades 1–5 meet in the Activity Room before heading to class. Parents of first through third graders will pick their children up from their classrooms. Children in fourth grade and older will be dismissed to meet their parents.

Youth Grades 6–12

6th Grade meets in Room C-207 | led by Ruling Elder Gary Shickel and Becky Shickel, and Clark and Brooke Driver
Jr. High, Grades 7–8, meets in Multi-purpose 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

(Building map on previous page)

Sunday School for Adults

September 6 through 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.

Opportunities to Connect

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.

November 4: Join us for free play in the Activity Room
November 11: Join us for free play and a craft in the Activity Room
November 18: Join us for a multigenerational potluck to fellowship with women from various seasons of life
November 25: No playgroup - have a good Thanksgiving!

Youth Ministries

Today, November 1: No Youth Group. See you at the prayer meeting!

Next Sunday, November 8, 4:00–5:45 p.m.: Youth Group! Youth meet at the activity room.

Prayer Night

Today, Sunday, November 1, 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.

Thanksgiving Lunch for Widows

Sunday, November 8, after second service, Multi-purpose Rooms
We invite our cherished widows to join us for a time of gratitude and connection over lunch, while considering the theme ***Celebrating Life's Seasons***. To register, use the QR code on the next page, visit the events page on our website, or text Sarah DeBoer.

Parenting Seminar: Discipleship in the Home

Tuesday, November 10, 6:00–8:15 p.m., Activity Room
We invite you to an evening parenting seminar at Covenant. Our goal is to further equip you with a biblical vision for raising your children and youth in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Whether you have been a parent for many years or are just starting out, this is a chance to sharpen your skills and vision for your children's good and God's glory. All parents are welcome to attend. We will provide light appetizers and desserts. Childcare will also be provided. To register, use the QR code on the next page or visit the events page on our website. For more information, contact Aaron Roberts (aroberts@cov-pres.org) or Lisa Updike (lisa@cov-pres.org).

Young Professionals Barn Party

Saturday, November 14, 5:30–9:00 p.m., David & Susan Secrists' home, Mount Crawford
We invite all young professionals (post-high school through age 35) to a chili cook-off and a night of dancing fun! Bring a crockpot of your favorite chili and come ready to vote for the best recipe! To register, use the QR code on the next page or visit the events page on our website. For more information, contact Sarah Plonsky (sarahp@cov-pres.org).

Thanksgiving Service and Dessert

Sunday, November 22, Worship Service at 6:00 p.m., Dessert at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for our annual service of thanksgiving. This year, the service will be modeled after our All Nations services, where we aim to welcome our neighbors from many nations in an environment designed to engage English-language learners. If you have a friend who would benefit from this service, please feel free to invite and accompany them. After the service, we will enjoy fellowship and dessert provided by the church.

Women's Bible Conference

Friday, January 15–Saturday, January 16, 2027

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Bible Conference at the church. It will be special time of teaching by Lydia Brownback from 1 Peter, encouragement, and fellowship you won't want to miss.

Vacation Bible School 2027

Monday, July 12–Friday, 16, 2027, 9:00 a.m.–noon

5-4-3-2-1...Blast off! Save the date for ***Sola System*** Vacation Bible School in summer 2027. Consider how you would like to help make this wonderful time of learning about God happen for our children and our neighbors. Volunteer sign-ups will be available in the spring.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Help us decorate our worship spaces for the Advent season by purchasing a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. You will find forms to purchase one or more poinsettias for dedication on the bulletin tables in the lobby. Please return forms to the church office by Monday, November 23, to have your dedications printed in the November 29 bulletin.

Men's Bible Studies

We welcome you to join in a morning or afternoon Bible Study this season. This is a great 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.

Women's Bible Studies

We welome 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.

Events & Sign ups

Scan this QR code or visit cov-pres.churchcenter.com/registrations/events to view and register for events or sign-ups.

Opportunities to Serve

Moms & Tots Playgroup Childcare Needed

Moms & Tots Playgroup needs child-protection-approved volunteers to provide childcare for two hours, 9:30–11:30 a.m. on one Wednesday a month. Pick one Wednesday, or several! If you are willing to consider serving, sign up using the QR code at the bottom of the previous page or contact Katie Garbee.

Greeters & Ushers Needed

As we head into the fall, we need more volunteers to fill our greeter and usher teams. Members, please consider fulfilling your membership vows by helping carry out Covenant's vision to welcome and worship in the name of Christ. Our needs are twofold:

- We have an immediate need for ushers for the second service on the first, third, and fifth Sundays. Ushers help to facilitate worship by greeting people at the sanctuary doors and collecting tithes and offerings.
- As we near the end of construction, we are planning how our welcome teams will need to grow to fit our new space. Whether you join as a single, a couple, or as a family, we would love to have you! Please consider joining our greeter team as we welcome members and guests into worship!

To sign up, use the QR code on the previous page or contact Sarah Plonsky (sarahp@cov-pres.org).

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.

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

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection

Our American Heritage Girls Troop 1199 is collecting filled shoe boxes for ***Operation Christmas Child***. Drop off a filled shoe box in the church lobby November 1–22. For information on ***Operation Christmas Child***, how to pack a box, and how to include the $10 support fee, visit: www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/.

Giving Information

Electronic Giving

Online giving is available 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.

Electronic Giving

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

Counseling & Care

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.

Scheduling

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
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Aaron Roberts
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Sarah Kalichman
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Keith Fowler
Moms & 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

Scan the QR code to download the Church Center app where you can access information about Bible studies, home groups, events, sign-ups, and more. Church Center can also be accessed through a web browser at https://cov-pres.churchcenter.com/home.

Staff & Officers

Pastoral Staff • Teaching Elders

Todd Pruitt, Lead Pastor
Tim Frost, Executive Pastor
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John Kidd, Pastor of Youth Ministries
Aaron Roberts, Pastor of Adult Discipleship
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Jeremy Keplinger, Custodian

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