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

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November 22, 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 22, 2026

Gathering Song **"Prepare the Way, O Zion"**

Welcome

Prayer of Praise

Call to Worship **Psalm 47:6–9**

Leader:
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

Song of Praise **"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, loving King,
We have sinned against you.
Our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from your sight.
Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our anger and envy are laid bare before your eyes and ours.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us.
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.

Assurance of Pardon **Romans 8:35, 37–39**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Song of Grace **"Good and Gracious King"**

Sacrament of Baptism (First Service)

Bethany Joy Mindling, covenant child of Tim and Lydia Mindling

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) **"All Creatures of Our God and King"**

Scripture Reading **Colossians 3:18–25**

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 Humility **"Christ Our Wisdom"**

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon **Todd Pruitt**

1 & 2 Samuel
Part 11 - "Give Us a King"
1 Samuel 8:1–22
(Pew Bible page 216)

Song of Response **"Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

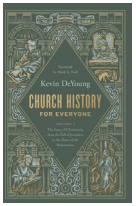
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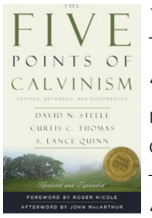
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Church History for Everyone (Vol. 1) by Kevin DeYoung

In this excellent and highly readable book, DeYoung highlights key events from AD 70 to 1415 through 20 engaging profiles and historical accounts. You'll read about the earliest days of the church including the transition of Christianity from a Jewish to Gentile tradition, the reign of the Emperor Titus, the Crusades, the dawn of the Reformation, and more.

"Far from merely recounting dates and faceless names, DeYoung captures the living faith of the dead and shows its contemporary relevance for the everyday lives of Christians. This book is clear, concise, and insightful. I highly recommend Church History for Everyone to anyone who wants to learn more about God's love for his people throughout the ages."
—J. V. Fesko, Harriet Barbour Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology, Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson–Carl R. Trueman



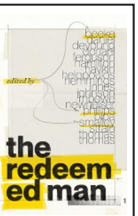
The Five Points of Calvinism by Steele, Thomas, & Quinn

"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

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

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 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 am

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 am

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

We would like to thank our church family and Bible study group for their prayers and concern during Warren's illness. We are so blessed to have a church family with a caring heart. —Warren and Jeanie Diehl

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 am! For more information, contact Katie Garbee or Susanna Glenn.

November 25: No playgroup—have a good Thanksgiving!
December 2: Join us for free play!
December 9: Come make a Christmas craft with us!
December 16: Lisa Updike will join us for a special music and rhythm day! Cookies and drinks will be provided.
December 23 and 30: Christmas Break

Youth Ministries

Today, November 22: No Youth Group. See you at the Thanksgiving Service!
Next Sunday, November 29: No Youth Group.

Thanksgiving Service & Dessert

Today, November 22, Worship Service at 6:00 pm, Dessert at 7:30 pm
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.

Turkey Bowl

Thursday, November 26, 9:00 am–11:00 am, Monger Park
Continue the tradition or start a new tradition of playing two-hand touch football in Covenant's annual *Turkey Bowl*! All family members and friends are welcome to play. Spectators do not need to register. No cleats, please! Sign up using the QR Code on the next page.

Make It, Take It!

Saturday, December 5, 10:00 am–1:00 pm, Children's Wing
A fun event for kids of all ages! Children will make Christmas gifts for their parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends, wrap them up, and take them home. Although donations are not tax-deductible, we encourage contributions of $0.50 to $10 to help cover the cost of the items.

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays Seminar

Wednesday, December 9, from 6:00–7:30 pm, Library
When you're grieving the death of a family member or friend, you may dread the holiday season. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions, and obligations leave you anxious and overwhelmed. ***Surviving the Holidays*** is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death, whether facing a more recent loss or one that occurred many years ago. Discussion topics include dealing with hard-hitting emotions, what to do about traditions, how to survive social events, and where to find comfort and strength. No cost to register. No childcare provided. Register using the QR Code on the next page.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 12, 8:30 am–10:00 am, 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. Sign up using the QR code at the bottom of this page. For more information, contact Aaron Roberts (aroberts@cov-pres.org).

Women's Conference

Friday, January 15–Saturday, January 16, 2027

Join us for a special Women's Conference at the church. We will welcome Lydia Brownback, who will teach on the theme of ***Making Sense of Hard Things*** from the book of 1 Peter. Registration opens today!

Vacation Bible School 2027

Monday, July 12–Friday, 16, 2027, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

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.

Church Office Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed November 26 and 27 (Thursday and Friday) for Thanksgiving.

Advent Devotionals

We developed an Advent devotional to guide your spiritual preparation from November 28 through December 25. It's a great way to consider the incarnation of Christ. It may also help you and your family build the habit of reading and reflecting on the Word together. Each day includes a Scripture passage, a meditation, a song, and a family connection section. Join us as we anticipate and marvel at Christ's first coming. Advent devotionals are available on the bulletin table.

Opportunities to Serve

Serve in the Nursery

We love our nursery children! We still have a few openings:

- Second Service, Toddler A Nursery on 4th Sundays (2 adults, at least one female)
- Sunday School, Toddler Nurseries, every other week

Contact Rebecca Griffin (rebecca@cov-pres.org) to sign up, or Lisa Updike (lisa@cov-pres.org) for more 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.

Provide Occasional Childcare for Moms & Tots Playgroup

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

Make or Send Food

Are you able to provide a meal for 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.

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

Knitters Needed!

One way we bless new moms and babies in our congregation is by gifting them a baby bag. The bag includes hand-knitted items, and our supply is currently low. If you are willing to knit and donate infant-sized hats, baby booties, or small knitted or crocheted animals, contact Kellie Hutchison (kellie.hutchison@cov-pres.org).

Contribute to Operation Christmas Child

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/.

Make Christmas Cookie Dough for Kids' Club

Use the QR code on the previous page to sign up to make one or more batches of sugar cookie dough for Kids' Club cookie decorating. Children will have the opportunity to decorate and take home cookies on the last day of Kids' Club before their Christmas Break. Bring your dough to the church kitchen freezer on or before Sunday, December 6. The sign-up includes the specific sugar cookie recipe we need, along with instructions on how to wrap and label it for the freezer. Contact Dorothy Scheel (540-742-4166) with any questions.

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.

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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
Disability Ministries (Through the Roof)
Sarah Pruett
ESL
Sarah Kalichman
Greeters and Ushers
Sarah Plonsky
Home Groups
Aaron Roberts
Kids' Club
Sarah Kalichman
Dawn Frederick
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Aaron Roberts
Mercy Ministry
Terry Pennington
Missions Ministry
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

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Staff & Officers

Pastoral Staff • Teaching Elders

Todd Pruitt, Lead Pastor
Tim Frost, Executive Pastor
Burress McCombe, Pastor of Worship
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Aaron Roberts, Pastor of Adult Discipleship
Phil Mahaffey, Pastor of Cross-Cultural Ministries

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Sarah DeBoer, Associate Director of Women's Ministries
Colleen Ernst, Associate Director of Youth Ministries
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Anthony Tongen
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