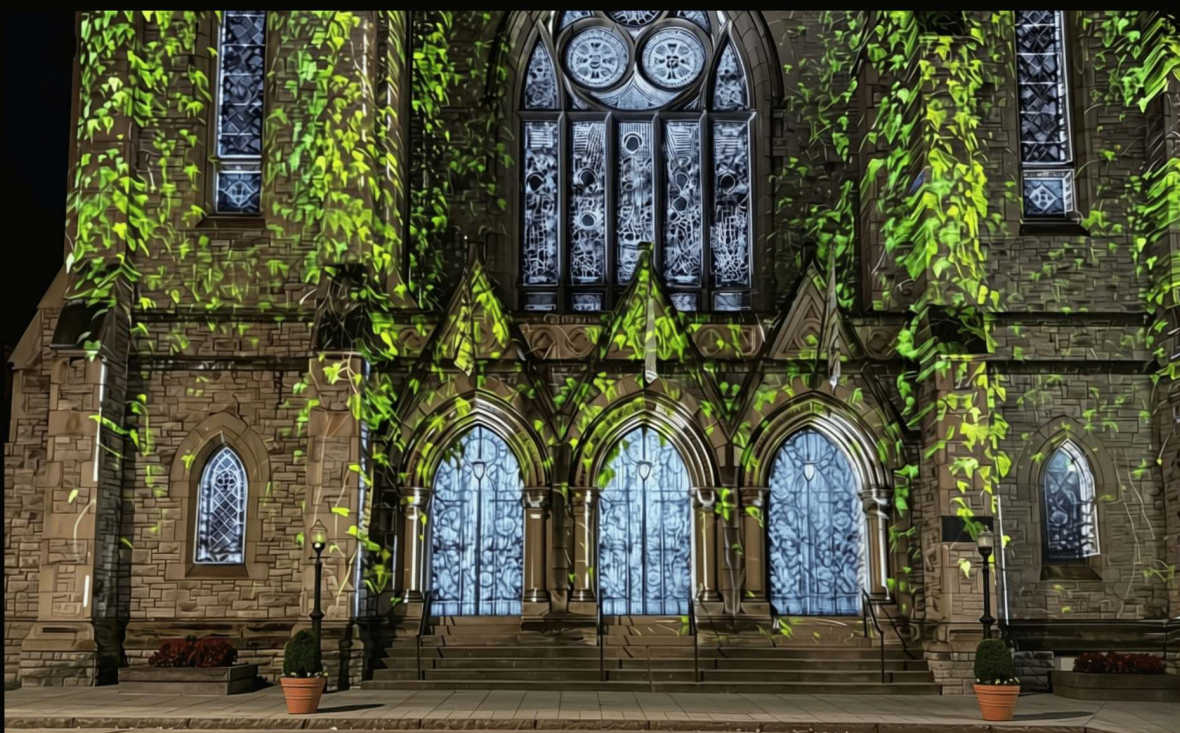


Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Our mission is to praise the Father, proclaim the Son,
and submit to the perfecting power of the Holy Spirit



October 11, 2026 · 10:30 AM Worship

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Welcome to Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Whether you attend Covenant-First Presbyterian Church on a regular basis or are here for the first time, we are glad you are here. Covenant-First Presbyterian Church was founded in 1790, and has been a part of downtown Cincinnati ever since. Our almost 2,000 pound tower bell is from the Paul Revere Foundry in Boston, and first rang from the steeple of one of our earliest buildings. This building was completed in 1875, and the Austin Pipe Organ dates to 1915, with its approximately 3,500 pipes. We have traditional worship with Bible-based preaching each week. Our music program is enhanced by our Music Scholar program and we are excited to have them lead in worship most Sundays.

If you need help with directions to restrooms, the fellowship hall, or to the lower level nursery, the person who greeted you this morning will be glad to help you.

Children and worship

We delight in children, and your children are always welcome to stay with you in worship. However, if you would prefer nursery care for your infants and toddlers, we do have a professionally staffed nursery in the lower level. We invite children ages 2 years to 5 years to participate in Junior Church. If your child wants to participate in Junior Church, you may escort them to the lower level during the singing of the Doxology. You may then pick your child up following the service from the downstairs classrooms.

Validated Parking

Validated parking is available in the 222 W. 7th St. Garage. Validation is done using your car's license plate number. Please locate a greeter to complete the validation process which requires your license plate number.

Fellowship Time

After worship, we invite you to gather with us in Metzger Hall for a reception featuring coffee, treats, and encouraging conversation. Many of us travel from a distance to join together in worship on Sunday mornings, and we find this weekly fellowship time to be a valuable and enriching time for us to catch up and meet new people. Please join us!

About us

If you are interested in learning more about Covenant-First Presbyterian Church, see your morning greeter, help yourself to any of the literature located on the back tables, contact the church office at 513-621-4144, or visit our website at covfirstchurch.org.

Service for the Lord's Day

** indicates please stand if you are able*

Pre-Service Music
Andrew Hackett, Organist

Meditation on Hyfrydol

Andrew Hackett

Concerns of the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

Call to Worship

Kelly Millhaem

One: Come, weary servants: The God who sows resurrection life calls us to hope, bear one another's burdens, and persist in doing good for all people.

Passing of the Peace

*This is a time in the worship service where we extend Christ's peace to one another.
Please greet those around you as a community bound together with the hope of Christ.*

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prelude
Andrew Hackett, Organist

Improvisation on Forest Green

Ringling of the Revere Tower Bell

*Let the ringling of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and
onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Hymn #57

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

*Invocation

Kelly Millhaem

All: Faithful God, root us in Christ's finished work, strengthen us by your Spirit, and renew our courage to sow compassion without weariness until your harvest comes with abundant joy. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

All: Patient God, we confess that compassion tires us, delayed fruit discourages us, and hidden service feels wasted. We protect our comfort, envy visible results, and neglect opportunities to do good. Forgive our unbelief. Through Christ, bear our burdens, renew us, and make us steadfast. Amen.

*Moments of Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

One: Hear the good news: Jesus Christ did not grow weary in doing good. He carried our burden to Calvary, reaped resurrection from death, and now intercedes for us. In him, our failures are forgiven and our labor is not vain. The Spirit sustains us to sow generously until God brings the promised harvest in fullness.

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Anthem

There is An Everlasting Kindness Getty/Townend/Lloyd Larson

Covenant Choir

There is an everlasting kindness you lavished on us, when the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost. You called the sheep without a shepherd, to leave their distress for your streams of forgiveness and the shade of your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting, you reached out your hand as the lame ran to meet you and the dead breathed again. You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in your tears, heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

What boundless love, what fathomless grace you have shown us, O God of compassion. Each day we live an offering of praise as we show to the world your compassion.

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace to the fields of injustice and the valleys of need. To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

What boundless love, what fathomless grace you have shown us, O God of compassion. Each day we live an offering of praise as we show to the world your compassion.

There is an everlasting kindness you lavished on us.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Call for the Offering

(If you would like to give online see the back of the bulletin.)

Offertory

I Walk With God

Nicholas Brodsky

Andrew Hallam, Baritone

I'll walk with God from this day on. His helping hand I'll lean upon. This is my prayer, my humble plea. May the Lord be ever with me. There is no death tho' eyes grow dim. There is no fear when I'm near to him. I'll lean on him forever and he'll forsake me never. He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong. Whatever road I may walk along.

I'll walk with God. I'll take his hand, I'll talk with God, he'll understand. I'll pray to him, each day to him and he'll bear the words that I say. His hand will guide my throne and rod and I'll never walk alone while I walk with God!

Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

*Doxology # 572

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

At this time all children are invited to go to Children's Church

Praise God from whom all blessing flow, praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #506

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Scripture Lesson

Galatians 6:9–10

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

One: This is God's Word for God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Never Grow Weary

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

*Hymn #504

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

*Benediction

Postlude

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Organ Sonata, Op. 65, No. 2

II. Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

Key Sermon Notes:

Historical Voice: Thomas Watson (c. 1620–1686)

Quote: “Though the work be hard, the reward is sure.”

Source: A Body of Divinity

Confessional Witness: Westminster Confession of Faith 16.2 — “These good works, done in obedience to God’s commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith.”

Presbyterian Church USA Book of Order: F-1.0301 — The Church lives “with confidence in the future God has prepared.”

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57 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

O come, let us worship . . . let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Psa. 95:6

FOREST GREEN C.M.D.

Traditional English melody

Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Isaac Watts, 1715

1. I sing th'al-might - y pow'r of God That made the moun - tains rise,
 2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low But makes Thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.
 He formed the crea - tures with His word And then pro - nounced them good.
 And clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow By or - der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how Thy won - ders are dis - played Where - e'er I turn my eye,
 While all that bor - rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at His com - mand And all the stars o - bey.
 If I sur - vey the ground I tread Or gaze up - on the sky!
 And ev - ery - where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres - ent there. A - men.

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GOD THE FATHER

506 O Jesus, I Have Promised

If any man serve Me, let him follow Me . . . John 12:26

John E. Bode, 1866

ANGEL'S STORY 7 6 7 6 D.

Arthur H. Mann, 1881

1. O Je - sus, I have prom-ised To serve Thee to the end; Be Thou for-ev - er
 2. O let me feel Thee near me, The world is ev - er near; I see the sights that
 3. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom-ised To all who fol - low Thee, That where Thou art in

near me, My Mas - ter and my Friend: I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art
 daz - zle, The tempt-ing sounds I hear: My foes are ev - er near me, A-round me
 glo - ry, There shall Thy serv-ant be; And, Je - sus, I have prom-ised To serve Thee

by my side, Nor wan - der from the path-way If Thou wilt be my guide.
 and with - in; But, Je - sus, draw Thou near-er, And shield my soul from sin.
 to the end; O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my Friend. A-men.

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504 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

He appeared . . . unto two of them, as they walked . . . Mark 16:12

Washington Gladden, 1879

MARYTON L.M.

H. Percy Smith, 1874

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, win - ning word of love;
3. Teach me Thy pa - tience! still with Thee In clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the fu - ture's broad'ning way,

Tell me Thy se - cret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
Teach me the way - ward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - - ver wrong;
In peace that on - ly Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live. A - men.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal line.

LIFE IN CHRIST