



Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

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



September 21, 2025 • 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.

Parking

Validated parking is available in the adjacent garage for all worship services. Please pick up a validation card when you enter the building and present to the parking attendant when exiting the garage. You must exit on Elm street to see the attendant. If you have already registered your car with Metropolis parking, you can simply scan the QR code on the back of the validation card and exit at Elm Street or Eighth Street. The gate will open automatically when you leave.

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

Pre-Service Music

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Adagio for Glass Harmonica

W.A. Mozart

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Karen Stine

One: Come, beloved of God, behold the Word who was with God and is God. The light shines in our darkness. Let us proclaim: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Improvisation on Holy Manna

Ringing of the Revere Tower Bell

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

*Hymn #199

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

*Invocation

Karen Stine

All: Holy Father, through your Son the Word, you spoke creation into being. Through him the darkness flees. Send your Spirit, that our worship may reflect heaven's praise. Fix our eyes upon Christ, the radiance of your glory, the light everlasting.

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

All: Lord of light, we confess our folly. We hide from truth, embrace falsehood, and live as though Christ were not Lord. Forgive our unbelief and rebellion. By your mercy, cleanse our guilt, scatter our darkness, and conform us to Christ, the true light. Renew in us a steadfast spirit of faith and obedience.

*Moments of Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

One: Lift up your hearts! The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our chains broken, our lives made new. He is the eternal word, the lamb who was slain, the risen Lord. Believe this gospel: In Christ you are cleansed, pardoned, and secure in everlasting light and life.

***Gloria Patri #575**

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

Covenant Choir; Carl Colvin, Oboe

Amazing Grace

Arr. James V. Marchionda

and Mark G. Rachelski

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come. "Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far and grace will bring me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun. Amazing grace!

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

Carl Colvin, Oboe

Jesus Paid It All

Arr. Brant Adams

***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 blessings 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** Bulletin pg. 7

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

*Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. **We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ**, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was with God in the beginning.³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

One Lord God

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

*Hymn #16

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

*Benediction

Postlude

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Suite Gothique, Op. 25

II. Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllman

*Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Jack and Marney Weis
in thanks and gratitude to the music staff and scholars.

Welcome back to our scholars!

199 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. Exo. 16:4

Attr. to George Atkins, 19th century

HOLY MANNA 8 7 8 7 D.

Columbian Harmony, 1825

Attr. to William Moore

1. Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship And a - dore the Lord our God;
2. Breth-ren, see poor sin -ners round you Slum-b'ring on the brink of woe;
3. Sis -ters, will you join and help us? Mo-ses' sis -ter aid - ed him;
4. Let us love our God su-preme-ly, Let us love each oth - er too;

Will you pray with all your pow - er, While we try to preach the Word?
Death is com - ing, hell is mov - ing Can you bear to let them go?
Will you help the trem-bling mour-ners Who are strug-gling hard with sin?
Let us love and pray for sin -ners Till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it Of the Ho - ly One comes down;
See our fa - thers and our moth -ers And our chil-dren sink -ing down;
Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior—Tell them that He will be found;
Then He'll call us home to heav - en, At His ta - ble we'll sit down;

Breth-ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na Will be show-ered all a-round.
Breth-ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na Will be show-ered all a-round.
Sis -ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na Will be show-ered all a-round.
Christ will gird Him-self and serve us With sweet man - na all a-round.

THE CHURCH

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Ye know not what shall be on the morrow. James 4:14

IRA STANPHILL

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1. I don't know a - bout to - mor - row, I just live from day to
2. Ev - ery step is get - ting bright - er, As the gold - en stairs I
3. I don't know a - bout to - mor - row, It may bring me pov - er -

day. I don't bor - row from its sun - shine, For its
climb; Ev - ery bur - den's get - ting light - er; Ev - ery
ty; But the one who feeds the spar - row, Is the

skies may turn to gray. I don't wor - ry o'er the fu - ture,
cloud is sil - ver lined. There the sun is al - ways shin - ing,
one who stands by me. And the path that be my por - tion,

For I know what Je - sus said, And to - day
There no tear will dim the eye, At the end -
May be through the flame or flood, But His pres -

I'll walk be - side Him, For He knows what is a - head.
ing of the rain - bow, Where the moun - tains touch the sky.
ence goes be - fore me, And I'm cov - ered with His blood.

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O Splendor of God's Glory Bright 16

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man . . . John 1:9

WINCHESTER NEW L.M.

Georg Rebenlein's *Musikalisch*

Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

Arr. by William H. Havergal, 1847

St. Ambrose of Milan, c. 340-397
Trans. composite

1. O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, From light e-
2. Come, ver - y Sun of heav - en's love, In last - ing
3. Con - firm our will to do the right, And keep our
4. All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e-

ter - nal bring - ing light, Thou Light of light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove, And pour the Ho - ly
hearts from en - vy's blight; Let faith her ea - ger
ter - nal Son, to Thee, Whom with the Spir - it

liv - ing Spring, True Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
Spir - it's ray On all we think or do to - day.
fires re - new, And hate the false, and love the true.
we a - dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

HIS PRAISE