



# Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

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



November 16, 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.

## **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](http://covfirstchurch.org).

# Service for the Lord's Day

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## **Pre-Service Music**

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar      Fuga super: Meine Seele erhebet den  
Herrn(Magnificat), BWV 733

J.S. Bach

## **Concerns of the Congregation**

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

## **Call to Worship**

Robert Sullivan

One: Come, sinners redeemed by blood, draw near with humble hearts; the Lord has made atonement, and forgiveness is granted through his Lamb.

## **Prelude**

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar      Herzliebster Jesu, Op. 122 no. 2

Johannes Brahms

## **Ringling 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 #2**

Almighty Father, Strong to Save

## **\*Invocation**

Robert Sullivan

**All: O God of mercy, who provides atonement through the blood of Christ, grant us repentance and faith, that our worship may be washed, purified, and accepted.**

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Turis

**All: Holy God, we acknowledge our guilt. Our hearts are defiled, our works unclean. We have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed. Wash us anew, through the blood of thy perfect Lamb.**

## **\*Moments of Silent Confession**

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Turis

One: Rejoice, beloved: The sacrifices of old pointed to Christ, the Lamb without blemish, who has borne our sins upon the cross. His blood speaks better than the blood of goats or lambs, declaring pardon and peace for all who believe. Therefore, by his once-for-all sacrifice, your sins are forgiven. You are reconciled to God, not by your offering, but by his. Rest secure in the atonement of Jesus Christ.

## **\*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**

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

Covenant Choir

John 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him shouldst not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved.

## **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**

Every Valley Shall Be Exalted, from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Zach Burnham, Tenor

Isaiah 40:4

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low, the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

### **\*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 #41**

Children of the Heavenly Father

### **Scripture Lesson**

Leviticus 4:32-35

“If someone brings a lamb as their sin offering, they are to bring a female without defect. <sup>33</sup> They are to lay their hand on its head and slaughter it for a sin offering at the place where the burnt offering is slaughtered. <sup>34</sup> Then the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar. <sup>35</sup> They shall remove all the fat, just as the fat is removed from the lamb of the fellowship offering, and the priest shall burn it on the altar on top of the food offerings presented to the LORD. In this way the priest will make atonement for them for the sin they have committed, and they will be forgiven.”

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

A Sacrifice From The Heart

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

**\*Hymn #512**

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Toccata, from Symphonie No. 5 (excerpt)

Ch. M. Widor

Andrew Hackett, Organist

\*Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and  
in memory of William Jeffery Standen  
by Jeff and Cindy Standen.  
November 18, 1988 — December 6, 1991

## 2 Almighty Father, Strong to Save

*See the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep. Psa. 107:24*

*Hymnal 1940 version  
A Missionary Service Book, 1937  
St. 1. 4. William Whiting, 1860*

MELITA 888888  
John B. Dykes, 1861

1. Al-might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
 2. O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er which our traf - fic  
 3. O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the  
 4. O Trin - i - ty of love and power, Our breth - ren shield in

rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
 runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -  
 firm - a - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save  
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 ev - er, Lord, Thy breth - ren go, Pro - tect them by Thy  
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall

cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 guard - ing hand From ev - ery per - il on the land.  
 watch - ful care From ev - ery per - il in the air.  
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea. A-men.

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# Children of the Heavenly Father

WORDS: Caroline V. Sandell-Berg, 1855; trans. Ernst W. Olson, 1925

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MUSIC: Swedish folk melody

L.M.

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly in His bos - om gath - er;  
 2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish; in His ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord His chil - dren sev - er;  
 4. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things He spares them; in His might - y arms He bears them.  
 un - to them His grace He show - eth, and their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

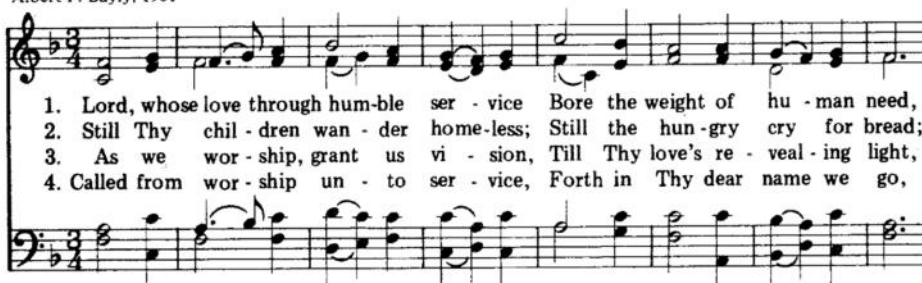
# 512 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

*If any one has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need . . . I John 3:17*

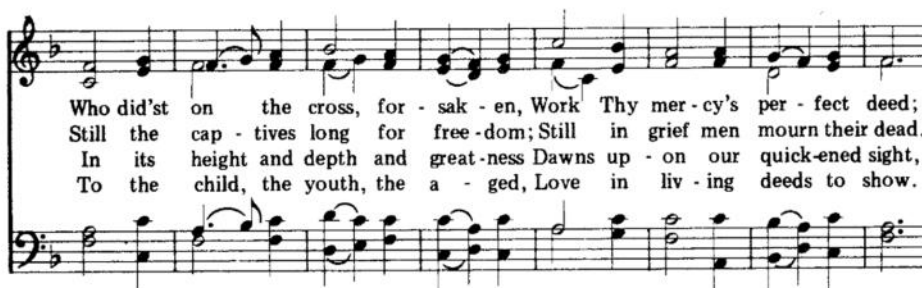
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Rowland H. Prichard, c. 1830

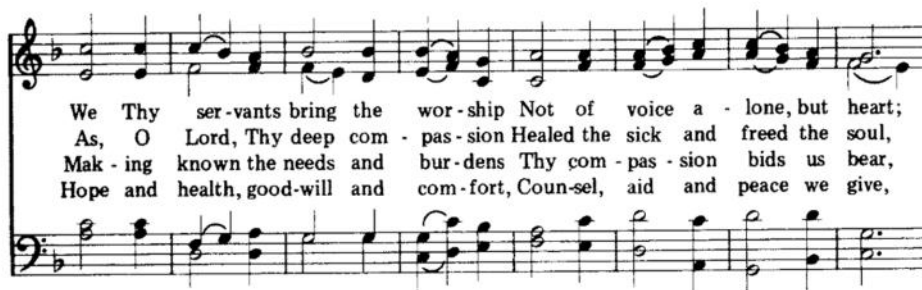
Albert F. Bayly, 1961




1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu - man need,  
 2. Still Thy chil - dren wan - der home-less; Still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Thy love's re - veal - ing light,  
 4. Called from wor - ship un - to ser - vice, Forth in Thy dear name we go,



Who did'st on the cross, for - sak - en, Work Thy mer - cy's per - fect deed;  
 Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief men mourn their dead.  
 In its height and depth and great - ness Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
 To the child, the youth, the a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show.



We Thy ser - vants bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As, O Lord, Thy deep com - pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens Thy com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
 Hope and health, good - will and com - fort, Coun - sel, aid and peace we give,



Con - se - crat - ing to Thy pur - pose Ev - ery gift Thou dost im - part.  
 Use the love Thy Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make men whole.  
 Stir - ring us to tire - less striv - ing Thine a - bun - dant life to share.  
 That Thy chil - dren, Lord, in free - dom May Thy mer - cy know, and live! A - men.

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