



Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

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



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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

Pre-Service Music

Improvisation on Azmon

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Concerns of the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

Call to Worship

Karen Stine

One: Come, body of Christ; the Spirit who formed the first church forms us. Bring your hunger for teaching, fellowship, and joy.

Prelude

Gute Nacht, O Wesen, from BWV 227

J. S. Bach

Andrew Hackett, Organist

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 #346

O for a Heart to Praise My God

*Invocation

Karen Stine

All: Triune God, you do not save isolated souls but gather a people. As we worship, weave us more tightly into Christ and into each other. Teach us to devote ourselves to your Word, to shared tables, to prayer and praise. Let our ordinary life together become an outpost of resurrection in this city.

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Turis

All: Gracious Father, we confess that we often crave customized Christianity without the complications of community. You call us to shared devotion, but we drift toward solitary spirituality. Our calendars protect our preferences more than our brothers and sisters. We celebrate Acts 2 on paper while guarding our wallets, our guest rooms, and our time. Our love is often thin where yours is thick. Forgive our consumeritis and our suspicion of costly fellowship. Expose our self-protective habits and re-teach us the joy of life together.

*Moments of Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

One: Beloved, your inclusion in Christ's body is not based on how well you "do community" but on his body broken for you. The one who devoted himself to us even unto death now pours out grace on reluctant hearts. In him, every sin of selfishness, isolation, and indifference is forgiven. The Spirit who formed the first believers into a generous, joyful family is the same Spirit at work in you. You are pardoned and invited—not to earn your place, but to enjoy it.

*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

Rejoice Rejoice!

Stan Pethel

Covenant Choir

Rejoice in the Lord, let all sisters and brothers join in our singing to God.
Rejoice in the Lord, let the fellowship flourish, sing all the earth of his love.
Rejoice, rejoice. Come join in our singing to God.

Proclaim to the world all his goodness and mercy, there is none other we praise.
Protected are we by his strength and his power, Lord of the earth, King of Kings.
For the kingdom of our God is of righteousness, of peace, of joy in the Holy Spirit.
For where God's truth abides, and where his love is known, we can rejoice.

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

Eternal Life

Olive Dungan

Natalie Sheppard

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pard'ning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

***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 #351** O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Scripture Lessons Acts 2:42–47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Life Together in the Spirit Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

***Hymn #67** Fairest Lord Jesus

***Benediction**

Postlude Fantasie in C, Poco Lento (excerpt) César Franck
Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

*Those who are able, please stand.

346 O for a Heart to Praise My God

I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart. Psa. 9:1

Charles Wesley, 1742

AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

1. O for a heart to praise my God, A heart from sin set free,
2. A hum - ble, low - ly, con - trite heart, Be - liev - ing, true and clean;
3. A heart in ev - ery thought re - newed, And full of love di - vine;
4. Thy na - ture, gra - cious Lord, im - part; Come quick - ly from a - bove,

A heart that al - ways feels Thy blood So free - ly shed for me!
Which neith - er life nor death can part From Him that dwells with - in.
Per - fect and right and pure and good, A cop - y, Lord, of Thine!
Write Thy new name up - on my heart, Thy new best name of Love. A - men.

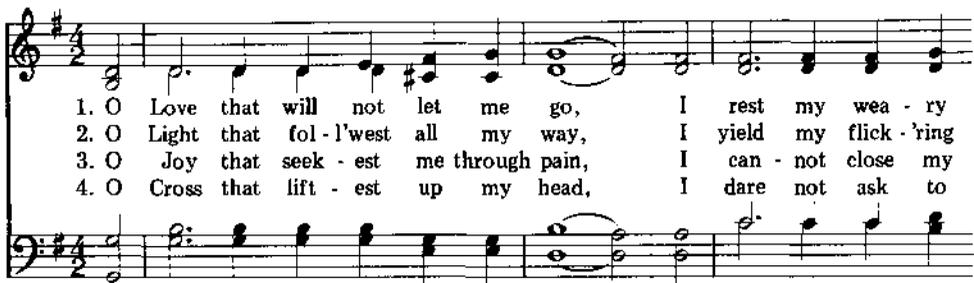
351 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

The Lord hath appeared . . . saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love. Jer. 31:3

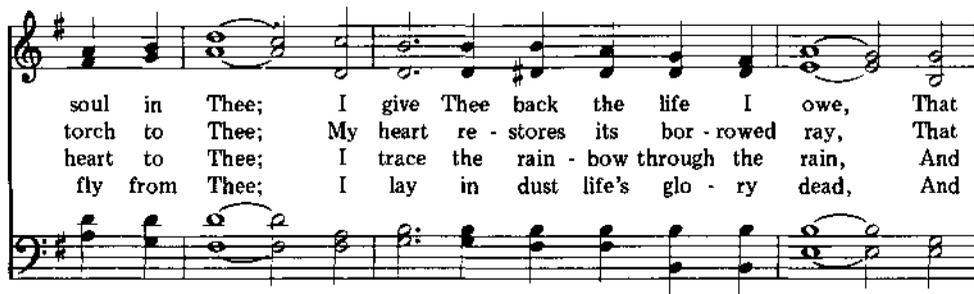
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George Matheson, 1882

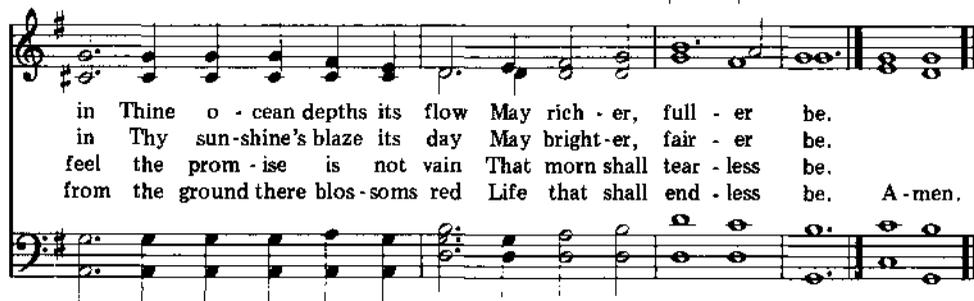
Albert L. Peace, 1884



1. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my wea - ry
2. O Light that fol - l'west all my way, I yield my flick - 'ring
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not close my
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to



soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That
torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
heart to Thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, And
fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in Thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.
in Thy sun-shine's blaze its day May bright-er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red Life that shall end - less be. A - men.

67 Fairest Lord Jesus

Thou art fairer than the children of men . . . Psa. 45:2

CRUSADER'S HYMN 5 6 8 5 5 8

Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677
Trans. anonymous, 1850
St. 4, trans. by Joseph A. Seiss, 1873

H. A. Hoffmann von Fallersleben's
Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842
Arr. by Richard S. Willis, 1850

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus! Ru - ler of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

O Thou of God and man the Son! Thee will I cher - ish,
Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
And all the twink - ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!
Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine! A - men.