



# 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.

## **The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

We offer Communion during the worship service on the first Sunday of each month. We welcome anyone who proclaims Christ as Savior to partake. The Communion table is not restricted to Presbyterians. During the service, the church elders will distribute the elements, while the congregation remains seated in the pews.

## **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, please pick up any of the literature located on the back tables, see your morning greeter, contact the church office at 513-621-4144, or visit our website at [www.covfirstchurch.org](http://www.covfirstchurch.org).

# Service for the Lord's Day

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## Pre-Service Music

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Violin Sonata No. 2,

mvt. iii, BWV 1003

J.S. Bach

Arr. Virgil Fox

## Concerns of the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

## Call to Worship

Margaret Heidenreich

One: There is one body and one spirit; one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Come, worship the one God who reigns forever.

## Prelude

Improvisation on *McKee*

Andrew Hackett, Organist

## Ringling of the Revere Tower Bell

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

## \*Hymn #513

In Christ There is No East or West

## \*Invocation

Margaret Heidenreich

**All: Eternal Lord, you are one God in three persons. Unite our hearts in true worship, that our praise may reflect your glory and truth.**

## \*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Turis

**All: O Lord, we confess our sin. You are one God, yet we fail to love with undivided hearts. Forgive our pride, cleanse our hypocrisy, and renew our faith. By your Spirit, draw us into the unity of Christ, our savior and king.**

## \*Moments of Silent Confession

## \*Assurance of Pardon

One: Church of Christ, hear this assurance: Our one Lord has conquered sin and death. By his cross, forgiveness is secured; by his Spirit, we are made new. Rest in his mercy, rejoice in his grace, and walk as one body under the reign of our eternal God.

## \*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, Amen.

## **Anthem**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Arr. Brad Nix

Covenant Choir

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free! Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace.

His word shall not fail you he promised; believe him, and all will be well: Then go to a world that is dying his perfect salvation to tell. Turn your eyes upon Jesus look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The 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**

My Heart Ever Faithful

J.S. Bach

Covenant Women's Chorus

Arr. Ruth Bampton

My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful, thy Jesus is near. Away with complaining, faith ever maintaining, my Jesus is here. Sing praises, be joyful.

My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful, thy Jesus is here.

### **\*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**

### **\*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**

Ephesians 4:4-6

Rev. Dr. Turis

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

One God

Rev. Dr. Turis

### **\*Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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## **Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

**The Invitation**

**The Thanksgiving**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Communion**

We will share in the body together. You may drink of the cup when desired.

**The Prayer of Blessing**

**\*Hymn #366**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Prelude in E minor, BuxWV 142

Dieterich Buxtehude

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

\*Those who are able, please stand.

# In Christ There Is No East or West 513

*Ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28*

McKEE C.M.

John Oxenham, 1908

*Unison*

Traditional Spiritual melody  
Arr. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

The musical score is written for unison in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in B-flat major (two flats). The lyrics are as follows:

1. In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North,  
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - ery-where Their high com-mun-ion find;  
3. Join hands, then, broth-ers of the faith, What-e'er your race may be;  
4. In Christ now meet both East and West, In Him meet South and North:

But one great fel - low - ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
His serv - ice is the gold - en cord Close - bind - ing all man - kind.  
Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.  
All Christ - ly souls are one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

*Alternate tune, ST. PETER, No. 68*

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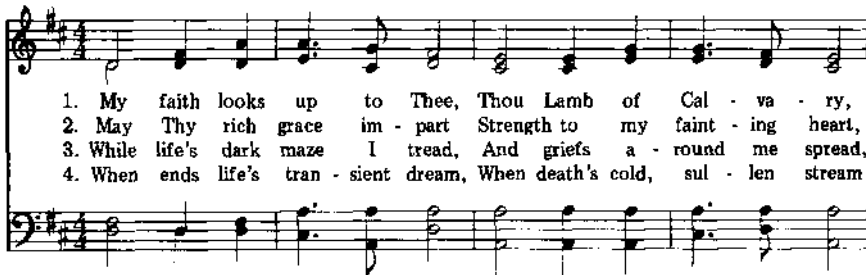
# My Faith Looks Up to Thee 366

*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. Heb. 12:2*

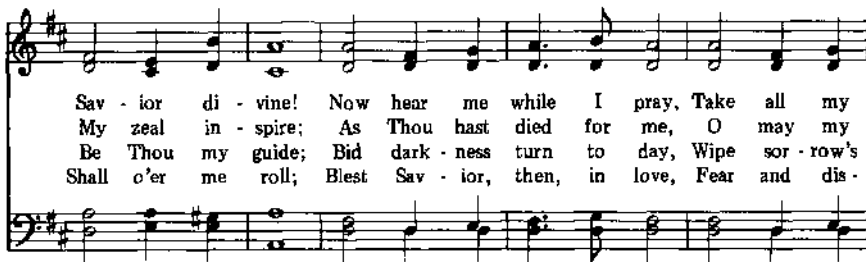
Ray Palmer, 1830

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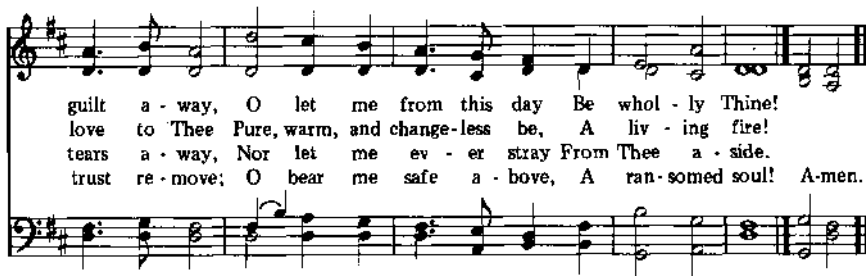
Lowell Mason, 1832



1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a - round me spread,  
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my  
 My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my  
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
 Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran -omed soul! A-men.

HOPE AND ASPIRATION