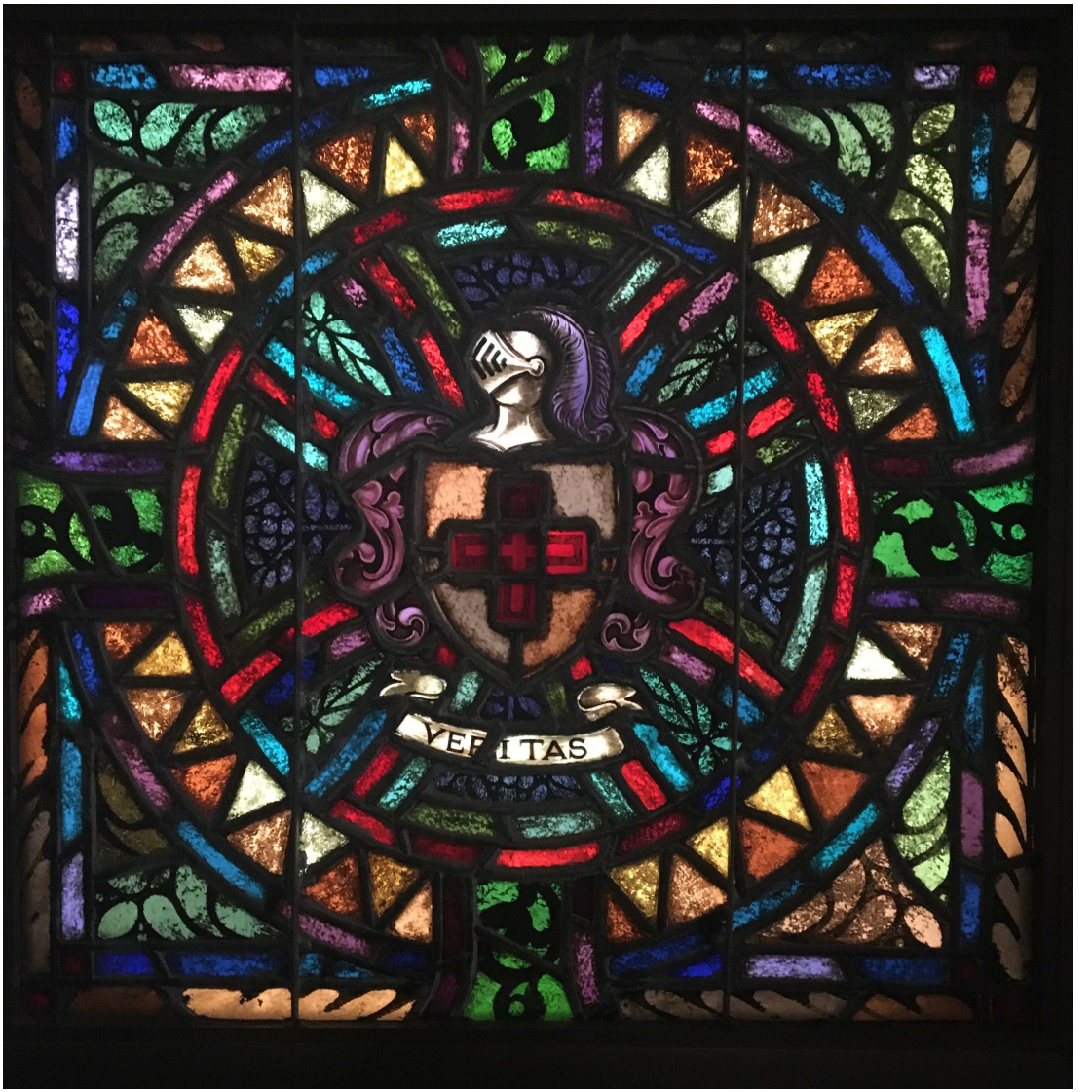
# Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

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




November 8, 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 anyof 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*

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Pre-Service Music — Concerto Grosso, mvt. ii — William Felton
Andrew Hackett, Organist

Concerns of the Congregation — Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

Call to Worship — Robert Sullivan

One: Come, people of God. We have been called by Jesus Christ, claimed by his grace, and welcomed into his kingdom. Let us worship the one to whom we belong.

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*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.*

Prelude — Improvisation on Austrian Hymn
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 #17 — Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

*Invocation — Robert Sullivan

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to be your own. By your Spirit, turn our hearts from competing loyalties and teach us to live wholly for you. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession — Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

All: Gracious Father, we confess that although we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, we often live as though our lives belong to us. We hold tightly to our possessions, our comforts, and our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting whose we are. Renew our hearts by your grace and teach us the joy of belonging to Christ. Amen.

*Moments of Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

One: Hear the Good News! Our salvation does not depend upon the strength of our allegiance, but upon the perfect faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Through his death and resurrection, we are forgiven and made his own. In Christ, we are free to live as people who belong to him.

*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 The Majesty and Glory of Your Name Tom Fettke

Covenant Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. What is man, that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels, you have put him in charge of all creation: The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that you are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia. The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia.

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 Thy Word Jack Schrader

Men's Chorus

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me. Nothing will I fear, as long as you are near, please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid. I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

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I will not forget your love for me, and yet, my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to your side; and I will love you to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

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 #219 O Word of God Incarnate

Scripture Lesson 2 Timothy 2:1–4

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. [2] And the things you have heard
me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to
teach others. [3] Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. [4] No one serving as a
soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. [5]
Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by
competing according to the rules. [6] The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share
of the crops. [7] Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. [8]
Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, [9] for
which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not
chained. [10] Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the
salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. [11] Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with
him, we will also live with him; [12] if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he
will also disown us; [13] if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself. [14]
Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about
words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.

One: This is God's Word for God's people.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Soldier's Allegiance Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

*Hymn #22 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

*Benediction

Postlude Grand Chœur, 12 Pièces pour orgue Théodore Dubois
Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Nancy Hobstetter
in celebration of her daddy's birthday on November 12.

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November is Stewardship Month

Pastor Dan will be preaching on stewardship for three Sundays, including today. To complement this series, he has created a 15-day devotional and will lead a related Bible study on Wednesday evenings. The devotionals are available for pick-up on the back tables in the sanctuary.

Please prayerfully consider how you will support this church and its ministry as you prepare for Stewardship Sunday on November 22. Watch for more information regarding pledging for 2027 coming soon.

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4 PM TODAY – Choral Scholar Recital and Campus Ministry Informational Reception

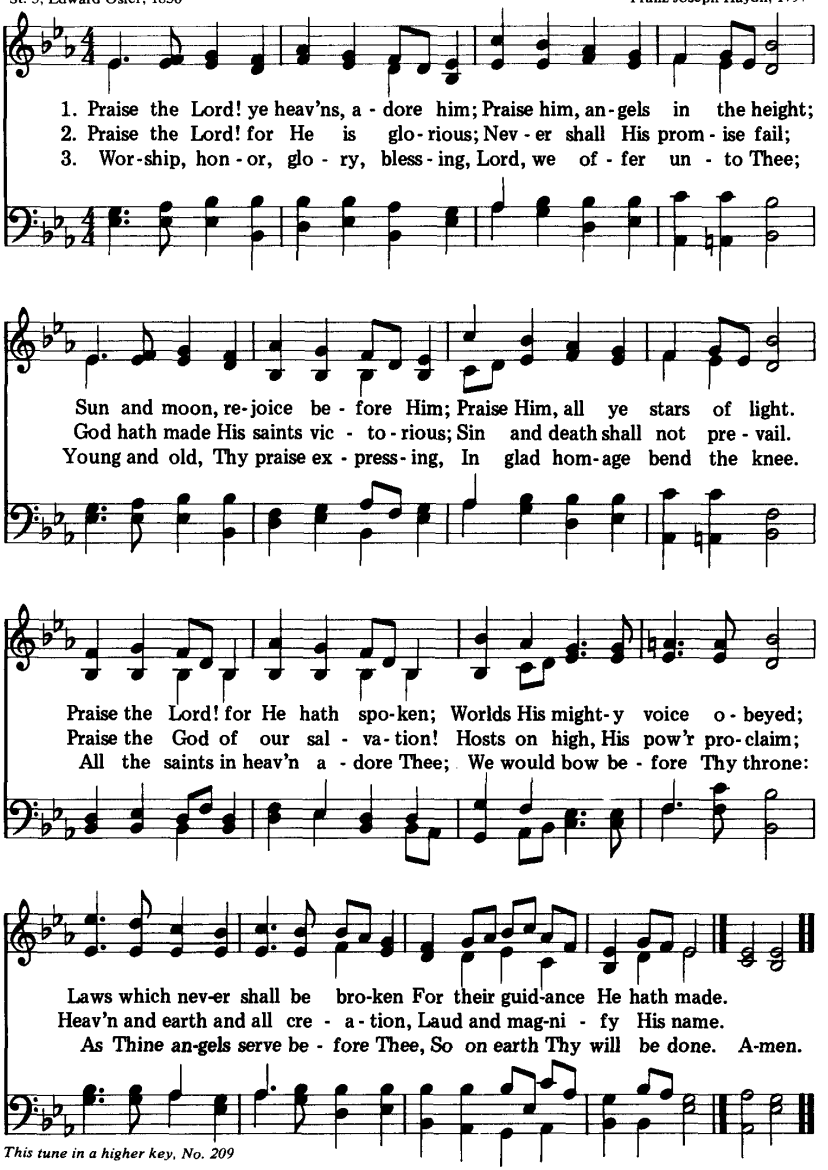
Today we're hosting a special recital featuring Christie Lee, Gretha Fergus, and Laz Clark, followed by a reception and a brief presentation by Brandon Fine, Campus Minister. If you are interested in supporting this new campus ministry and our scholars, plan to attend. Parking will be validated. Questions? See Rob Heidenreich or Brandon Fine.

# 17 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

*Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise Him in the heights.* Psa. 148:1

Psalm 148
*Foundling Hospital Collection*, 1796
St. 3, Edward Osler, 1836

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8 7 8 7 D.
Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797




*This tune in a higher key, No. 209*

*GOD THE FATHER*

# O Word of God Incarnate **219**

*The entrance of Thy words giveth light . . .* Psa. 119:130

William W. How, 1867

MUNICH 7 6 7 6 D.

*Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch,* Meiningen, 1693
Arr. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1847




*THE SCRIPTURES*

# 22 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

*Stand up and bless the Lord your God, for ever and ever.* Neh. 9:5

ST. MICHAEL S.M.

James Montgomery, 1824

*Genevan Psalter*, 1551
Arr. by William Crotch, 1836

