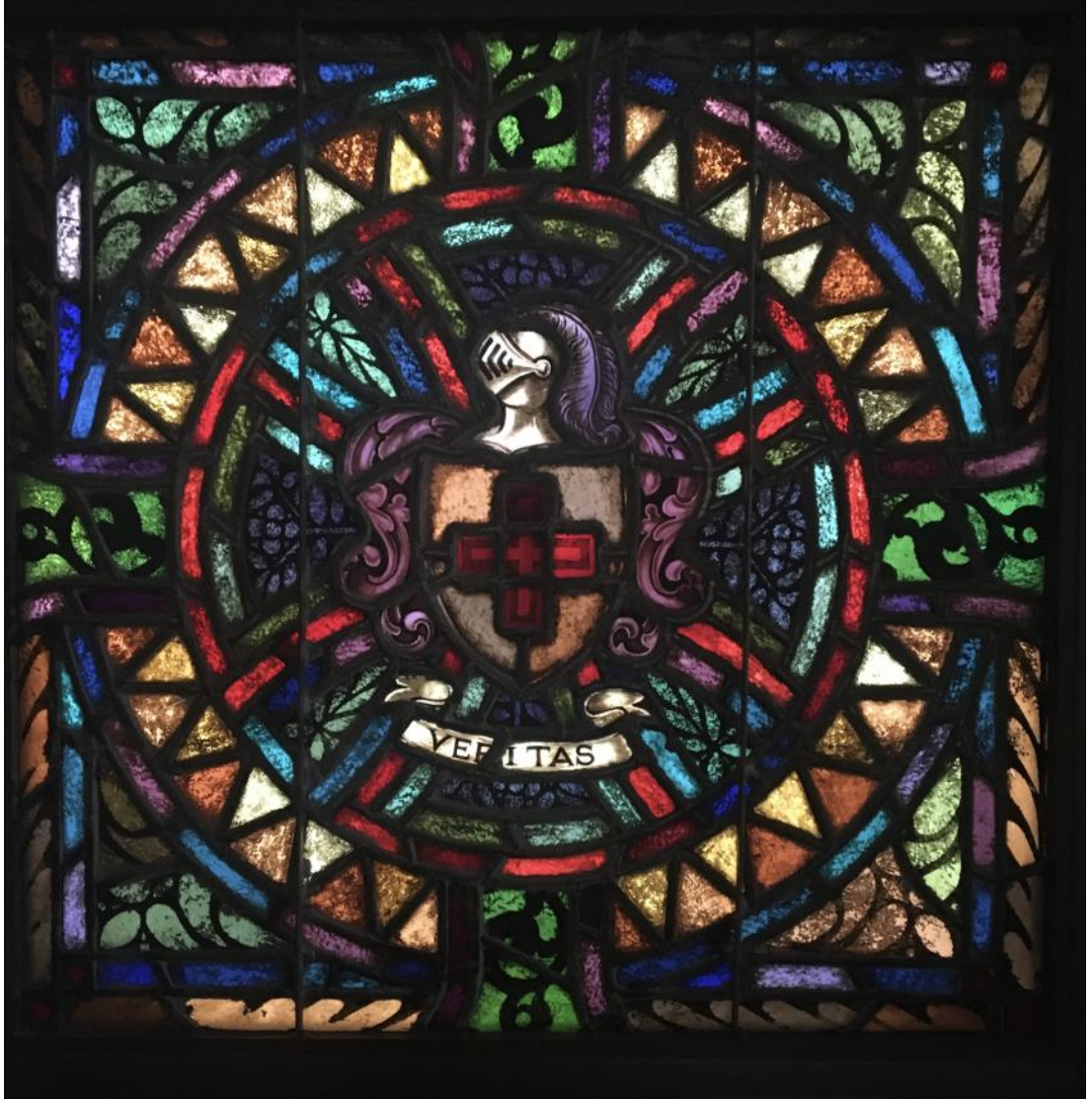




Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

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



August 24, 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 on Elm Street or Eighth Street. The gate will open 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

Improvisation on *Converse*

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Robert Sullivan

One: Come, O people of God, and behold the Lord's anointed. As David was set over Judah,
so Christ reigns over all creation. Let us lift our hearts in reverent praise to the risen King and Redeemer.

Prelude

The Heavens Are Telling The Glory of God

L. v. Beethoven

Andrew Hackett, Organist

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 # 221

The Heavens Declare Thy Glory, Lord

*Invocation

Robert Sullivan

All: Sovereign Lord, gather us by your Spirit, that through Christ our mediator, our worship may glorify you in truth and holiness.

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

All: Almighty God, we confess our rebellion against your reign. We pursue our own kingdoms, neglecting obedience to your Word. Our hearts are divided, our love disordered, our loyalty unstable. Forgive us for Christ's sake. By his atoning blood cleanse us, by his Spirit renew us, and restore us to faithful service under Jesus, our true and everlasting king.

*Moments of Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news of the gospel: God has exalted his Son, the greater David, to reign in righteousness and mercy. In him our sins are nailed to the cross, and through his resurrection we are raised to new life. To all who repent and believe, the Lord declares pardon and peace. In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to 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.

Special Music

There is a Balm in Gilead

Arr. Melva W. Costen

Hugh Ralston, Tenor

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. Refrain

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you lack for knowledge he'll not refuse to lend. Refrain

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." Refrain

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

On Thee Each Living Soul Awaits

Joseph Haydn

Lauren Albano, Soprano; Zach Burnham, Tenor

On thee each living soul awaits; from thee, O Lord, all seek their food; thou openest thy hand, and fillest all with good. Thou sendest forth thy breath again, and life with vigour fresh returns; Revived the earth unfolds new strength and new delights, revived the earth unfolds new strength and new delights.

***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 # 435**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Scripture Lesson

2 Samuel 2:1-7

In the course of time, David inquired of the LORD. “Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?” he asked. The LORD said, “Go up.” David asked, “Where shall I go?” “To Hebron,” the LORD answered. ² So David went up there with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. ³ David also took the men who were with him, each with his family, and they settled in Hebron and its towns. ⁴ Then the men of Judah came to Hebron, and there they anointed David king over the tribe of Judah. When David was told that it was the men from Jabesh Gilead who had buried Saul, ⁵ he sent messengers to them to say to them, “The LORD bless you for showing this kindness to Saul your master by burying him. ⁶ May the LORD now show you kindness and faithfulness, and I too will show you the same favor because you have done this. ⁷ Now then, be strong and brave, for Saul your master is dead, and the people of Judah have anointed me king over them.”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Anointed King in Our Midst

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

***Hymn #25**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***Benediction**

Postlude

Improvisation on *Hymn to Joy*

Andrew Hackett, Organist

*Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers today are given by Lashuna Meatchem to the glory of God and in honor and celebration our mother and grandmother’s birthday today.

Happy Birthday, Nina Jackson!

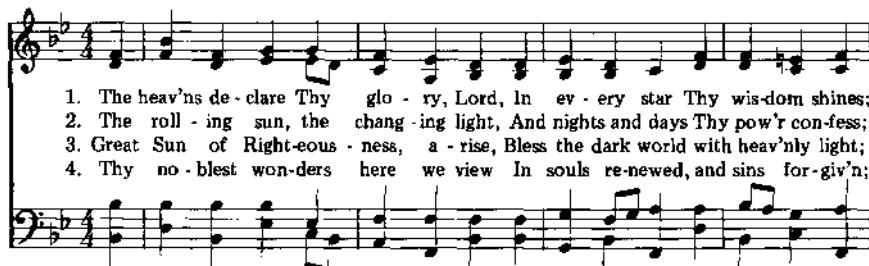
221 The Heavens Declare Thy Glory, Lord

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. Psa. 19:7

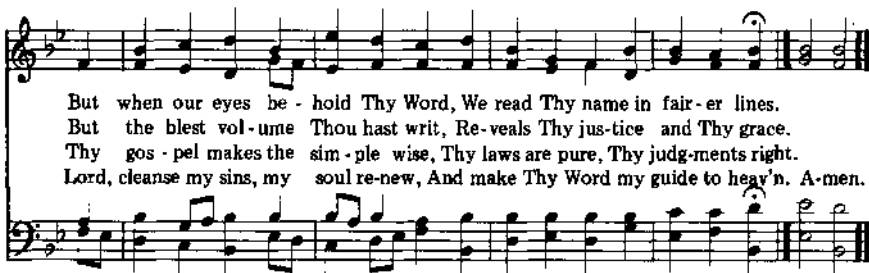
WINCHESTER NEW L.M.

Isaac Watts, 1719
Based on Psalm 19

Georg Rebenlein's *Musicalisch Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690
Arr. by William H. Havergal, 1847



1. The heav'ns de - clare Thy glo - ry, Lord, In ev - ery star Thy wis - dom shines;
2. The roll - ing sun, the chang - ing light, And nights and days Thy pow'r con - fess;
3. Great Sun of Right - eous - ness, a - rise, Bless the dark world with heav'nly light;
4. Thy no - blest won - ders here we view In souls re - newed, and sins for - giv'n;



But when our eyes be - hold Thy Word, We read Thy name in fair - er lines.
But the blest vol - ume Thou hast writ, Re - veals Thy jus - tice and Thy grace.
Thy gos - pel makes the sim - ple wise, Thy laws are pure, Thy judg - ments right.
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul re - new, And make Thy Word my guide to heav'n. A - men.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus 435

By prayer . . . with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 4:6

CONVERSE 8787D.

Joseph M. Scriven, 1855

Charles C. Converse, 1868



1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - la - den, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.



PRAYER

25 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord . . . Psa. 145:10

HYMN TO JOY 8787D.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Henry Van Dyke, 1907

1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore Thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-lect Thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, Ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
 4. Mor-tals join the might-y cho-rus Which the morn-ing stars be-gan;

Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore Thee, Open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, O-cean-depth of hap-py rest!
 Fa-ther love is reign-ing o'er us, Broth-er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; Drive the dark of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, Flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Broth-er— All who live in love are Thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, Vic-tors in the midst of strife;

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day!
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain Call us to re-joice in Thee.
 Teach us how to love each oth-er, Lift us to the joy di-vine.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward In the tri-umph song of life. A-men.

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GOD THE FATHER