

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 16, 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 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

** indicates please stand if you are able*

Pre-Service Music
Andrew Hackett, Organist

An Wasserflüssen Babylon

Johann Pachelbel

Concerns of the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

Call to Worship

Darlene Nored

One: Storm-tossed saints, come; the Jesus who steers wrecked ships to mission harbors still
writes hope into the margins of your chaos.

Prelude
Andrew Hackett, Organist

Improvisation on Beecher

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 #75

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Invocation

Darlene Nored

All: Lord of wind and wave, we bring you our weathered hearts. Some of us feel adrift;
others feel shipwrecked. As we hear of Paul's voyage, anchor us in your
sovereignty. Remind us that no storm outruns your promises, no detour escapes
your purposes. Let worship today be a safe harbor where fear loosens and faith
rises.

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

All: Captain of our salvation, we confess that when storms hit, we trust forecasts more
than faithfulness. We listen to the loudest fear, not the quiet voice of your Word. We
toss cargo you never asked us to carry and cling to plans you may be overturning
for our good. We forget, as John Calvin taught, that our hearts find rest only when
we "resign ourselves wholly to God." Instead, we grasp the wheel with white
knuckles. Forgive our panic, our quickness to despair, and our slowness to see your
hand even in wreckage.

*Moments of Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

One: Good news: The worst storm has already been spent on Jesus. On the cross, the full fury of judgment fell on him so that it would never fall on you. In rising, he proved that not even death can sink his people. In him, your fearful reactions and faithless words are forgiven. You are bound for a shore you cannot miss, because he has promised to bring you home. Until then, his Spirit rides every wave with you. You are pardoned, protected in the deepest sense, and invited to trust the one who commands the seas.

*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

In the Mornin'

Arr. Charles Ives

Madeline Jentsch, soprano

In the mornin' when I rise, in the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus! You can have all the world, but give me Jesus!

'Twixt the cradle and the grave, 'Twixt the cradle and the grave, give me Jesus! You can have all the world but give me Jesus!

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

Adagio, BWV 564

J.S. Bach

Andrew Hackett, Organist

*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 #390

More Holiness Give Me

Scripture Lesson

Acts 28:1-10

Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. ² The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. ³ Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. ⁴ When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, “This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live.” ⁵ But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. ⁶ The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead; but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god. ⁷ There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days. ⁸ His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. ⁹ When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. ¹⁰ They honored us in many ways; and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Storm-Proof Sovereignty

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

*Hymn #34

God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

*Benediction

Postlude

Concerto No. 2 in A minor, BWV 593
1st movement

J. S. Bach

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

75 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Col. 3:14

BEECHER 8 7 8 7 D.

John Zundel, 1870

Charles Wesley, 1747

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
2. Breathe, Obreathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us be;

Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find the prom - ised rest.
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave:
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee:

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,

Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray, and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise. A - men.

This tune in a higher key, No. 3

JESUS CHRIST

390 More Holiness Give Me

Till we all come . . . unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Eph. 4:13

Philip P. Bliss, 1873

MY PRAYER 6 5 6 5 D.

Philip P. Bliss, 1873

1. More ho - li - ness give me, More striv - ing with - in; More pa-tience in
2. More grat - i - tude give me, More trust in the Lord; More pride in His
3. More pu - ri - ty give me, More strength to o'er - come; More free-dom from

suf - f'ring, More sor - row for sin; More faith in my Sav - ior,
glo - ry, More hope in His word; More tears for His sor - rows,
earth - stains, More long - ings for home; More fit for the king - dom,

More sense of His care; More joy in His ser - vice, More pur - pose in prayer.
More pain at His grief; More meek - ness in tri - al, More praise for re - lief.
More used would I be; More bless - ed and ho - ly, More, Sav - ior, like Thee.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 12/8 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the piece with a final line of lyrics and a double bar line.

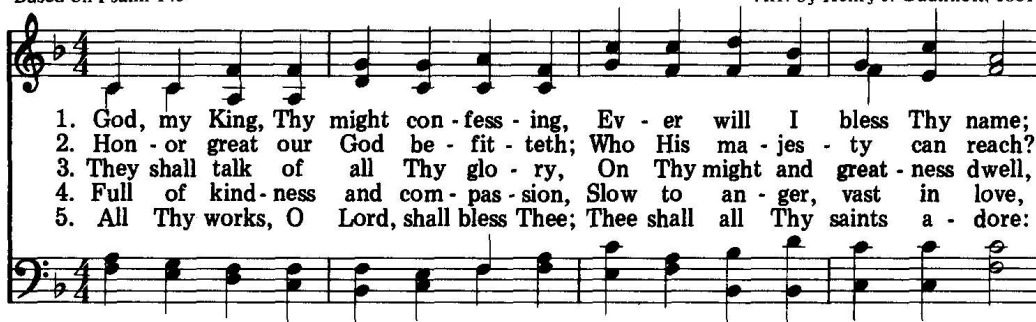
God, My King, Thy Might Confessing 34

I will extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name . . . Psa. 145:1

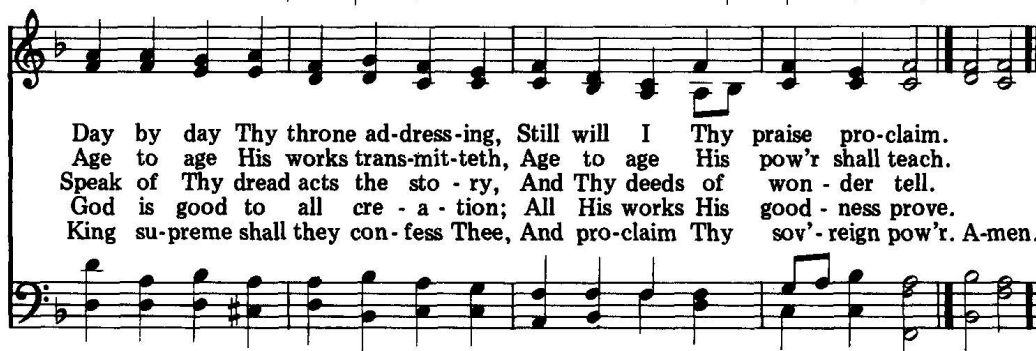
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Richard Mant, 1824
Based on Psalm 145

C. Friedrich Witt, 1715
Arr. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1861



1. God, my King, Thy might con - fess - ing, Ev - er will I bless Thy name;
2. Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; Who His ma - jes - ty can reach?
3. They shall talk of all Thy glo - ry, On Thy might and great - ness dwell,
4. Full of kind - ness and com - pas - sion, Slow to an - ger, vast in love,
5. All Thy works, O Lord, shall bless Thee; Thee shall all Thy saints a - dore:



Day by day Thy throne ad - dress - ing, Still will I Thy praise pro - claim.
Age to age His works trans - mit - teth, Age to age His pow'r shall teach.
Speak of Thy dread acts the sto - ry, And Thy deeds of won - der tell.
God is good to all cre - a - tion; All His works His good - ness prove.
King su - preme shall they con - fess Thee, And pro - claim Thy sov' - reign pow'r. A - men.

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