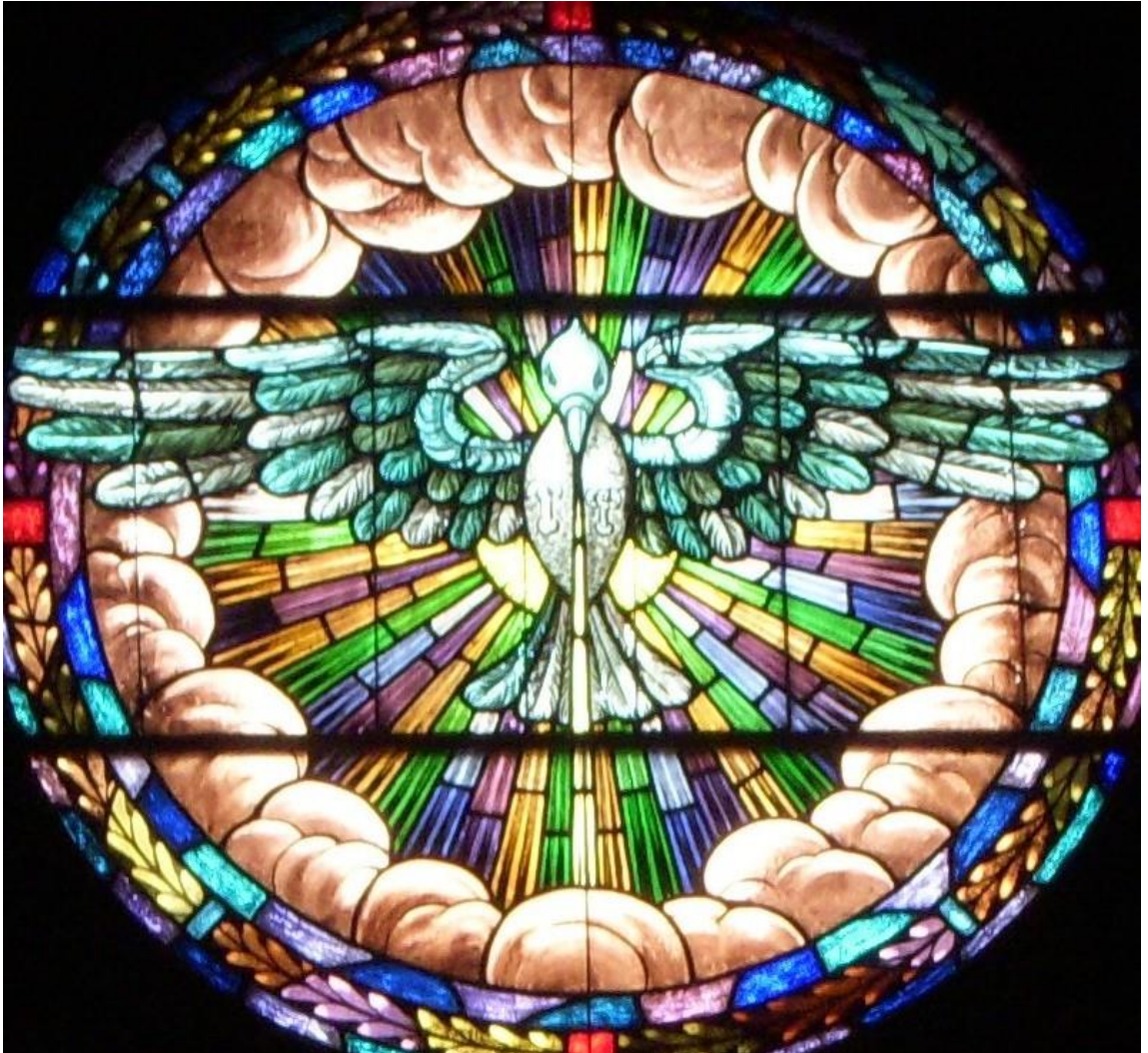




Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

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



October 19, 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.

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

Sinfonias from Cantatas 106 and 156

J.S. Bach

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Margaret Valentine

One: Come, people of God, and behold the spirit of truth—proceeding from the Father and the Son—who breathes life into our worship.

Prelude

Improvisation on Cwm Rhondda

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 #466**

God of Grace and God of Glory

***Invocation**

Margaret Valentine

One: O Spirit, Comforter and Truth-Giver, descend upon us.

All: Open the Scriptures, convict our hearts, and unite our worship with the eternal praise of heaven's throne.

***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

All: Merciful Lord, our hearts are restless without your Spirit. We have sought life apart from you, chasing shadows instead of truth. Forgive our divided hearts and wandering desires. Grant us repentance and restore to us the joy of life in the Holy Spirit.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: Beloved of God, hear the promise: The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God. Through Christ, our advocate and redeemer, the Spirit breathes forgiveness and life into the contrite. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit—you are forgiven and made new.

***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

As the Deer

Arr. Mark Hayes

Covenant Choir

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield: to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You're my friend, and you are my brother, even though you are a King.

I love you more than any other, so much more than anything. Refrain

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye. Refrain

And I long to worship you, O Lord. You're the one I cherish and adore.

And I long to love you more and more, my Lord, O my Lord.

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

The Woman of Samaria

S. Bennet

Jarrett Hazelton, Tenor

His salvation is nigh to them that fear him, that glory may dwell in our land; yea, the Lord shall shew loving kindness, and our land shall give her increase.

***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 #198**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

***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**

John 15:26-27

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

God the Spirit

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

***Hymn #197**

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

***Benediction**

Postlude

Komm, Heiliger Geist BWV 652a

J.S. Bach

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

*Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers are given by Nina Jackson and Lashuna Meatchem in memory of Mary Meatchem, a child of God first and loving mother of 10, grandmother of 37, great grandmother of 111, great great grandmother of 30, and great great great grandmother of one.
She is sorely missed.

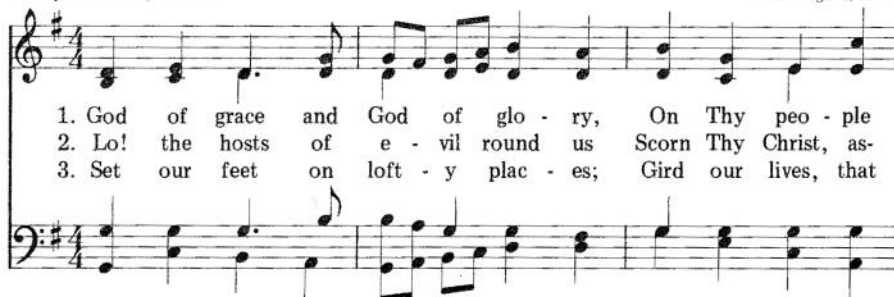
466 God of Grace and God of Glory

Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time...? Esther 4:14

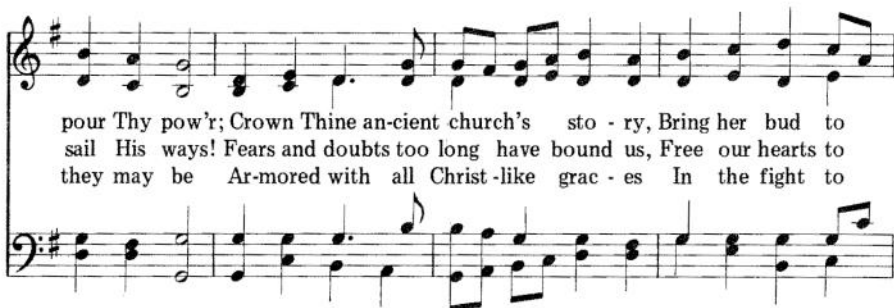
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Harry E. Fosdick, 1930

John Hughes, 1907



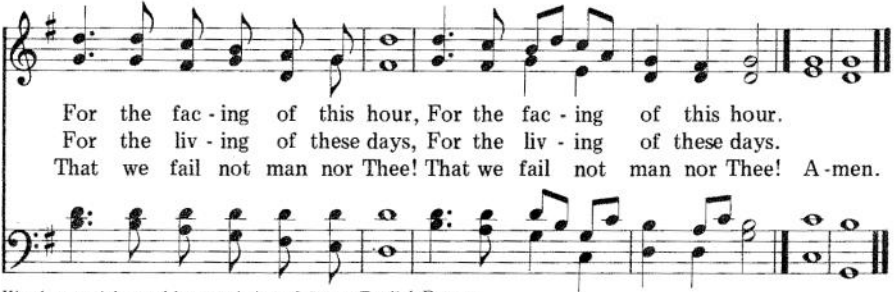
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
3. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; Gird our lives, that



pour Thy pow'r; Crown Thine an-cient church's sto - ry, Bring her bud to
sail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us, Free our hearts to
they may be Ar-mored with all Christ-like grac - es In the fight to



glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age
faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age
set men free. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age



For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
That we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee! A-men.

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LIFE IN CHRIST


Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 198

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Gal. 5:25

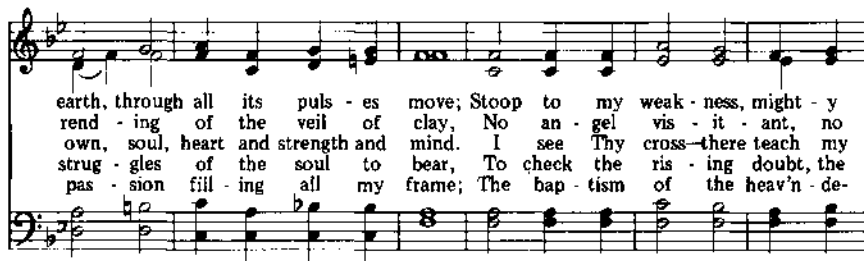
George Croly, 1867

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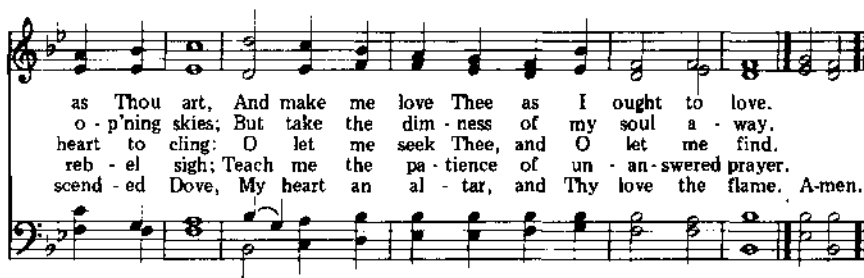
Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870



1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; Wean it from
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies, No sud - den
 3. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King? All, all Thine
 4. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh; Teach me the
 5. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love, One ho - ly



earth, through all its puls - es move; Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y
 rend - ing of the veil of clay, No an - gel vis - a - ant, no
 own, soul, heart and strength and mind. I see Thy cross—there teach my
 strug - gles of the soul to bear, To check the ris - ing doubt, the
 pas - sion fill - ing all my frame; The bap - tism of the heav'n - de -



as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
 o - p'ning skies; But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 heart to cling: O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.
 reb - el sigh; Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 scend - ed Dove, My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame. A-men.

THE HOLY SPIRIT


197 Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost . . . Rom. 5:5

Isaac Watts, 1707

ST. AGNES C.M.

John B. Dykes, 1866



1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly Dove, With all Thy quick - n'ing pow'rs;
 2. In vain we tune our for - mal songs, In vain we strive to rise;
 3. And shall we then for - ev - er live At this poor dy - ing rate?
 4. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly Dove, With all Thy quick - n'ing pow'rs;

This tune in a lower key. No. 531



Kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love In these cold hearts of ours.
 Ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, And our de - vo - tion dies.
 Our love so faint, so cold to Thee, And Thine to us so great!
 Come, shed a - broad a Sav - ior's love, And that shall kin - dle ours. A - men.