



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 5, 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.

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.

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music Improvisation on Let Us Break Bread Together
Andrew Hackett, Organist

Concerns of the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

Call to Worship

One: Look upon Jesus, anointed by the Spirit, proclaimed by the John the Baptist, slain for sinners, raised in glory. Worship him whose kingdom has no end.

Prelude Improvisation on Thine is the Glory
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 #171** Thine is the Glory

***Invocation**

One: Eternal Father, you bore witness to your Son: crucified, buried, risen, ascended. By your Spirit, lead us into worship that magnifies his finished work.

All: Lord, our hearts are laid before you.

***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dr. Turis

All: Almighty God, we confess our rebellion. Though John proclaimed Christ the Lamb, we trust our own strength. Forgive us for trampling his blood, ignoring his Word, denying his lordship. Wash us clean by the crucified Lamb, risen for our justification, reigning forever.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: This is our confidence: Christ was slain for sin, buried in death, and raised in glory. He now reigns at the right hand of the Father. By his blood, your sins are forgiven. By his resurrection, your life is restored. Believe this gospel and rejoice, for the kingdom of Christ has no end.

***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

Room at the Welcome Table

Arr. Craig Curry

Covenant Choir

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

Hallelujah! Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

I'm gonna feast on milk and honey one of these days.

Hallelujah! Gonna feast on milk and honey one of these days.

I'm gonna walk the streets of glory one of these days.

Hallelujah! Gonna walk the streets of glory one of these days.

Because there's plenty good room in my Father's kingdom.

Plenty good room so choose your seat and sit down.

All God's children gonna sit together one of these days. Hallelujah!

All God's children gonna sit together, walk those streets of glory, sit at the welcome table one
of these days. Plenty good room in the Kingdome! Choose your seat and sit down!

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

Deep River

Arr. H.T. Hurleigh

Lazuli Clark, Bass

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast? That promised land, where all is peace?

***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

John 1:29-34

Rev. Dr. Turis

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Life of God

Rev. Dr. Turis

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

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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 #528**

Lord of Life and King of Glory

***Benediction**

Postlude

Fantasia in G minor

J.S. Bach

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

*Those who are able, please stand.

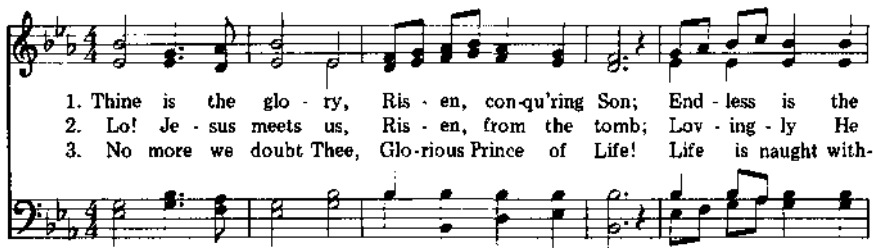
Today, the first Sunday of October is set aside as World Communion Sunday. On this day we celebrate the Lord's Supper with Christian around the world. The idea of World Communion Sunday originated with Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, pastor at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933. Dr. Kerr's dream for this Sunday was a time set aside to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity to lift up the global Church and to remember that by virtue of our baptism, we are connected to a worldwide community. The international flags in the sanctuary are in celebration of this concept of global Christian unity and represent mission partners and members of our congregation. Today we have flags from Germany, Ghana, Nigeria, Lebanon, Niger, Mexico, Greece, and Chad.

171 Thine Is the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

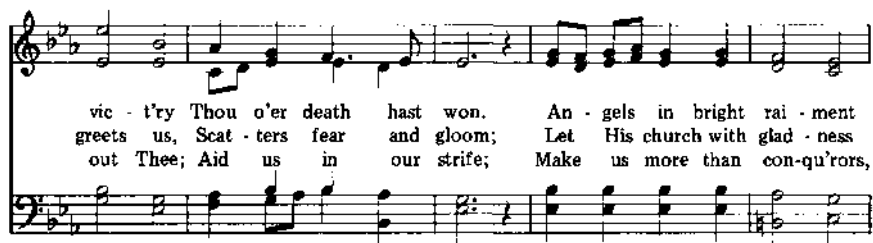
O grave, where is thy victory? 1 Cor. 15:55

Edmond L. Budry, 1884
Trans. by Richard B. Hoyle, 1923

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George Frederick Handel, 1746



1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris - en, from the tomb; Lov - ing - ly He
3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of Life! Life is naught with-



vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet us, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let His church with glad - ness
out Thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,

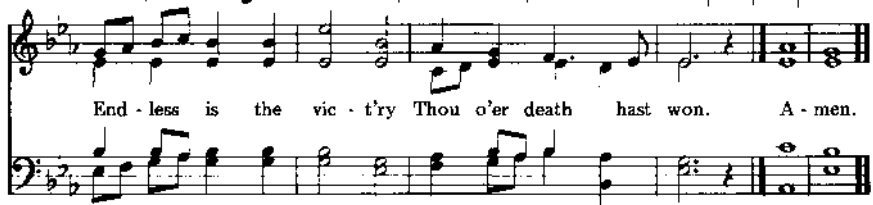


Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For her Lord now liv - eth;
Through Thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan



Refrain

Where Thy bod - y lay.
Death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
To Thy home a - bove.



End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. A - men.

Words from "Cantate Domino" by permission of the World Student Christian Federation, Geneva.

JESUS CHRIST: HIS RESURRECTION

528 Lord of Life and King of Glory

Your children . . . bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4

SICILIAN MARINER'S HYMN 8 7 8 7 8 7

Tattersall's Psalmody, 1794

Christian Burke, 1904

1. Lord of life and King of glo - ry, Who didst deign a
 2. Grant us then pure hearts and pa - tient, That in all we
 3. When our grow - ing sons and daugh - ters Look on life with
 4. May we keep our ho - ly call - ing Stain - less in its

child to be, Cra - dled on a moth - er's bo - som,
 do or say Lit - tle ones our deeds may cop - y,
 ea - ger eyes, Grant us then a deep - er in - sight
 fair re - nown, That, when all the work is o - ver

Throned up - on a moth - er's knee: For the chil - dren
 And be nev - er led a - stray; Lit - tle feet our
 And new pow'rs of sac - ri - fice: Hope to trust them,
 And we lay the bur - den down, Then the chil - dren

Thou hast giv - en We must an - swer un - to Thee.
 steps may fol - low In a safe and nar - row way.
 faith to guide them, Love that noth - ing good de - nies.
 Thou hast giv - en Still may be our joy and crown. A - men.

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LIFE IN CHRIST