

Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 14, 2024 • 10:30 AM



Covenant-First's mission is to praise the Father, proclaim the Son and submit to the perfecting power of the Holy Spirit.

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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 sticker and apply the sticker to your parking ticket to use for validation. Then simply scan your ticket with the sticker at the parking gate on your way out of the garage. If you are unsure how to obtain your parking sticker, any greeter or our security personnel will be happy to assist you.

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 Come, Gentle Spring, *from The Seasons*, Hob. XXI:3
Andrew Hackett, Organist

Joseph Haydn

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Tracy Kramer

One: Let us gather, brothers and sisters, with hearts tuned to the Master's call, embarking on the sacred journey of disciplinmaking.

All: We are beckoned to steadfastness in the truth of Scripture, that invaluable guide for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. With the Word as our guide, let us prepare for every good work, standing firm in faith and doctrine.

One: As heralds of the Gospel, we are charged to preach the Word, being prepared in season and out of season. In times of challenge, may our voices echo the enduring truth, our lives exemplify Christ's transformative love, and our actions inspire a legacy of discipleship.

All: Together, let us fulfill our holy calling, equipped by the Spirit, to spread the light of Christ's love to all corners of the earth. In this divine appointment, let our worship rise like incense, a testament to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who empowers us for this sacred task.

Prelude
Andrew Hackett, Organist

Introit on *Duke Street*

Andrew Hackett

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 See pg. 6

Forth In Thy Name

*Invocation

Tracy Kramer

All: Gracious Father, in your sovereign grace, guide us to live as disciples of Christ. Strengthen us by your Spirit to embody your Word, to nurture faith in others, and to radiate your love. As we gather, unite our hearts in worship and dedication to your mission so that we may faithfully reflect your light in every word and deed. Amen.

***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dan Turis

All: Heavenly Father, we humbly come before you, acknowledging our shortcomings and the times we have strayed from your path. In our words, thoughts, and actions, we confess that we have not always reflected your love or obeyed your commands. Forgive us for our neglect of your Word and our resistance to your Spirit's guidance. We have not lived as your disciples, and we have not made disciples. Cleanse our hearts, renew our minds, and restore the joy of your salvation within us. Empower us to live lives that honor you, walking in obedience and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Dan Turis

One: Fellow disciple of Jesus, bear this news about our Lord and teacher. He has made you holy enough to receive his holy teaching. He has prepared you through his death, burial, and resurrection to know him and follow him as your leader. He invites you to follow those who follow him so that you will learn and more fully understand him and his grace. You have all your sins forgiven in him. He loves you and gently restores you; this is the good news.

All: 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.

***Anthem**

Holy, Holy, Holy, We Worship You

Arr. Benjamin Harlan

Covenant Choir and congregation

See Pg. 7 *The congregation will stand and join on verse three when indicated*

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.

Offertory

Ach, wir armen Sünder

G. Ph. Telemann

Andrew Hackett, Organ

***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 449** I Feel the Winds of God Today

Scripture Lesson 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Rev. Dan Turis

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. ¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. ⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon The Acts that Mark a Disciple Rev. Dan Turis

***Hymn #451** I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

***Benediction**

Postlude Postlude in G Gustav Merkel
Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

*Those who are able, please stand.

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly
2. The task thy wis - dom hath as - signed, O let me
3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine
4. For thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy what - e'er thy

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la - bor to pur - sue; thee, on - ly thee, re -
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works thy
in - most sub - stance see, and la - bor on at
boun - teous grace hath given; and run my course with

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solved to know in all I think or speak or do.
pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per - fect will.
thy command, and of - fer all my works to thee.
e - ven joy, and close - ly walk with thee to heaven.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, WE WORSHIP YOU

for congregation

Arranged by
BENJAMIN HARLAN

Incorporating *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*
and *ANTIPHONAL PRAISE**

Verse 1: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
(Choir only) Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Verse 2: We worship You, Almighty God,
(Choir only) In You alone is our delight.
We worship You, O holy God,
and lift our voice to sing Your praise.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse 3:
CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

Ho ly, ho ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Postlude: We worship You, O holy God.
(Choir only)

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I Feel the Winds of God Today 449

Launch out into the deep. Luke 5:4

KINGSFOLD C.M.D.

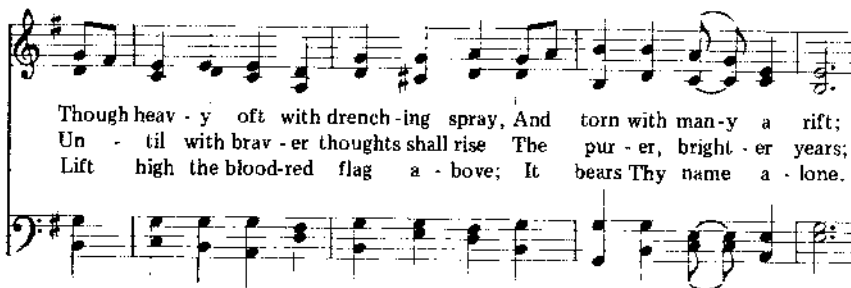
Traditional English melody

Arr. by Filwood Shermer Wolf, 1966

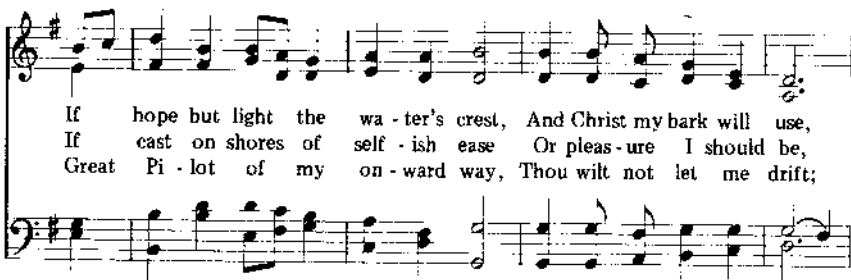
Jessie Adams, 1907



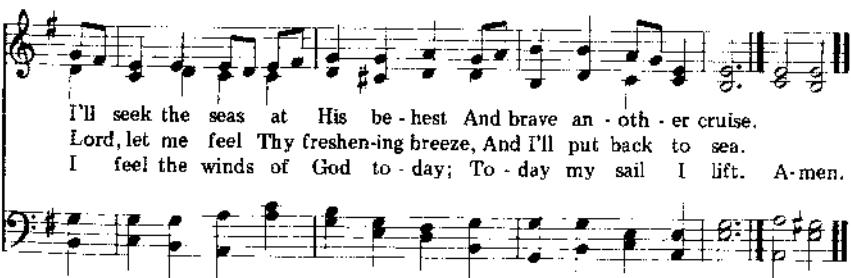
1. I feel the winds of God to-day; To-day my sail I lift,
2. It is the wind of God that dries My vain, re-gret-ful tears,
3. If ev-er I for-get Thy love And how that love was shown,



Though heav-y o'ft with drench-ing spray, And torn with man-y a rift;
Un-til with brav-er thoughts shall rise The pur-er, bright-er years;
Lift high the blood-red flag a-bove; It bears Thy name a-lone.



If hope but light the wa-ter's crest, And Christ my bark will use,
If cast on shores of self-ish ease Or pleas-ure I should be,
Great Pi-lot of my on-ward way, Thou wilt not let me drift;



I'll seek the seas at His be-hest And brave an-oth-er cruise.
Lord, let me feel Thy freshen-ing breeze, And I'll put back to sea.
I feel the winds of God to-day; To-day my sail I lift. A-men.

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PILGRIMAGE AND GUIDANCE

451 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Master, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest. Matt. 8:19

Source unknown

ASSAM Irreg.
Folk melody from India

Unison

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be -
3. Tho' none go with me, I still will fol - low, Tho' none go
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be -
with me, I still will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, I still will
cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

Je - sus, No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me, No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fol - low, No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
Je - sus? No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.