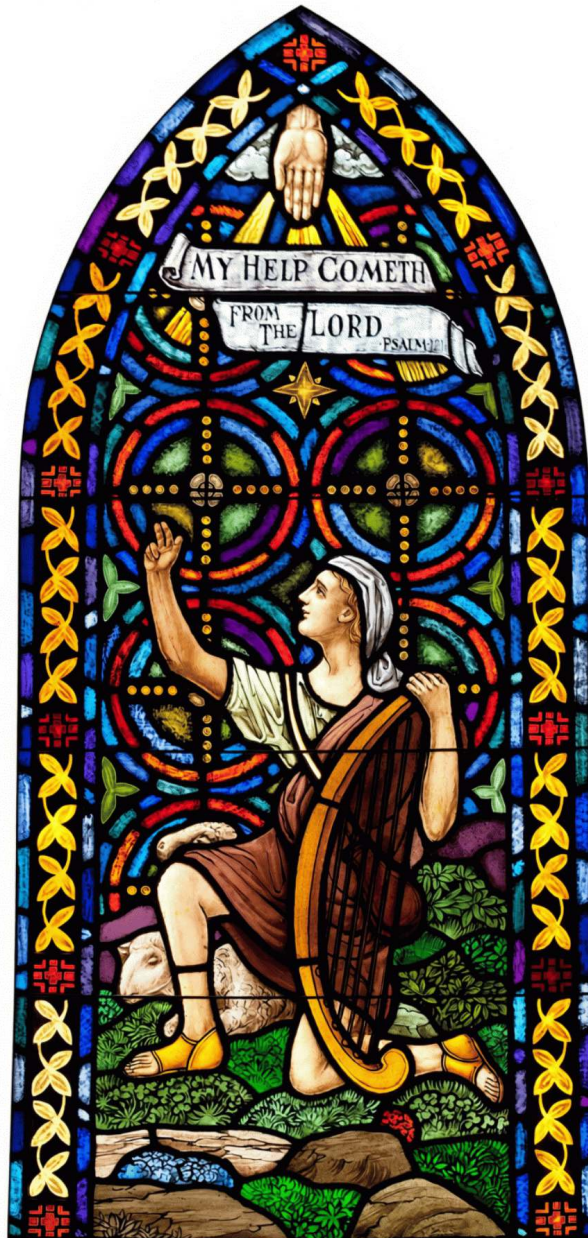




Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

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



September 6, 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.

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.

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. Validation must be done each Sunday you park in the garage.

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

** indicates please stand if you are able*

Pre-Service Music Fantasia from Fantasia & Fugue in G minor, BWV 542
Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

J. S. Bach

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Kelly Millhaem

One: Come before the God of steadfast love, who receives the contrite, cleanses sinners, renews willing spirits, and opens forgiven lips to declare his glorious praise.

Passing of the Peace

This is a time in the worship service where we extend Christ's peace to one another.

Please greet those around you as a community bound together in Christ's love.

Prelude

30 Kleine Choralvorspiele Op. 135a

Max Reger

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

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 #211

Bread of the World

*Invocation

Kelly Millhaem

All: Holy and merciful God, through Jesus Christ create clean hearts within us; by your Spirit renew our joy, uphold us in grace, and awaken truthful worship among us today. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

All: Covenant God, we confess that our sin is not merely around us but within us. We have resisted your will, harmed our neighbors, excused our desires, and concealed the truth. Against you we sinned. For Christ's sake, wash us, renew us, and restore us. Amen.

*Moments of Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

One: Hear the gospel: Jesus Christ has borne our guilt and answered for our sin. In him, God's steadfast love is stronger than our transgression. His blood cleanses us, his Spirit renews us, and his intercession sustains us. Therefore, receive the forgiveness of sins, recover the joy of salvation, and go forth in peace and thanksgiving.

*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.

*Hymn See Insert

Let Us Break Bread Together

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

Meditation on Hyfrydol

Andrew Hackett

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

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. ⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of

your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. ¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. ¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. ¹⁸ May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Repentant King

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

*Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

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 #16

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

*Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on Winchester New

Andrew Hackett, Organist

211 Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Take, eat: this is My body which is broken for you. 1 Cor. 11:24

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN 9 8 9 8

Reginald Heber, 1827

John S. B. Hodges, 1868

1. Bread of the world in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the
2. Look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, Look on the

soul in mer - cy shed, By whom the words of life were
tears by sin - ners shed; And be Thy feast to us the

spo - ken, And in whose death our sins are dead:
to - ken That by Thy grace our souls are fed! A - men.

Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread to-gether on our knees,
2. Let us drink the cup to-gether on our knees,
3. Let us praise God to-gether on our knees,

Let us break bread to-gether on our knees;
Let us drink the cup to-gether on our knees;
Let us praise God to-gether on our knees;

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris-ing

sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system contains the first three verses. The second system contains the chorus. The third system contains the final line of the song. The music is a spiritual in an irregular meter, with a mix of half, quarter, and eighth notes, and rests.

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WORDS: Spiritual

MUSIC (BREAK BREAD, Irregular meter): Spiritual; arr. William J. Reynolds

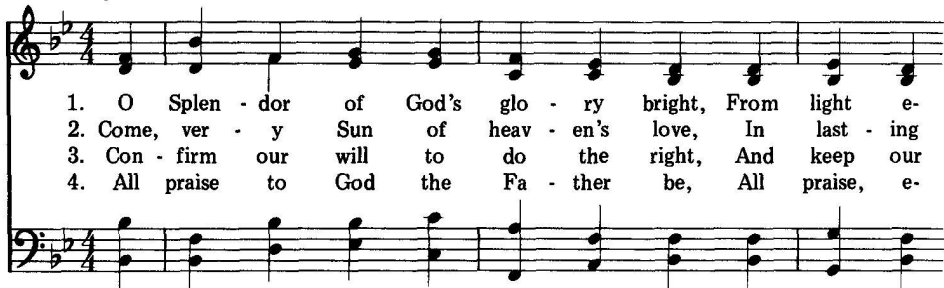
O Splendor of God's Glory Bright 16

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man . . . John 1:9

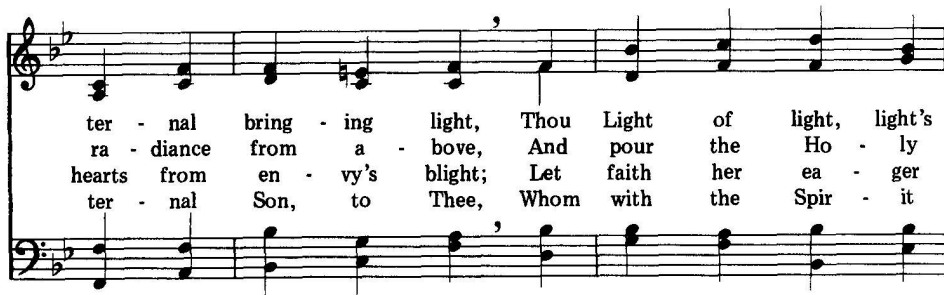
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St. Ambrose of Milan, c. 340-397
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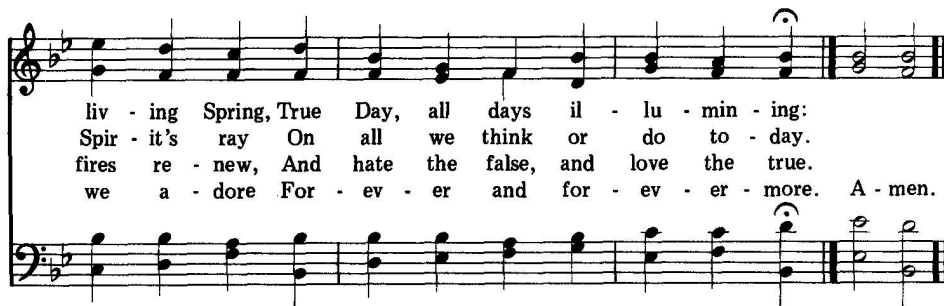
Georg Rebenlein's *Musicalisch
Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690
Arr. by William H. Havergal, 1847



1. O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, From light e-
2. Come, ver - y Sun of heav - en's love, In last - ing
3. Con - firm our will to do the right, And keep our
4. All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e-



ter - nal bring - ing light, Thou Light of light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove, And pour the Ho - ly
hearts from en - vy's blight; Let faith her ea - ger
ter - nal Son, to Thee, Whom with the Spir - it



liv - ing Spring, True Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
Spir - it's ray On all we think or do to - day.
fires re - new, And hate the false, and love the true.
we a - dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

HIS PRAISE