



Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

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



November 9, 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

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Prière à Notre-Dame

Léon Boëllmann

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Dwight Poffenberger

One: Come, worship the Lord who fills his people with gifts, talents, and skills, that all might be consecrated to his glory.

Prelude

I'll Walk with God

Nicholas Brodsky and

Andrew Hallam, Baritone

Paul Francis Webster

I'll walk with God from this day on, his helping hand I'll lean upon. This is my prayer, my humble plea may the Lord be ever with me. There is no death though eyes grow dim, there is no fear when I'm near to him. I'll lean on him forever, and he'll forsake me never.

He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong, whatever road I may walk along. I'll walk with God, I'll take his hand I'll talk with God, he'll understand. I'll pray to him, each day to him And he'll hear the words that I say. His hand will guide my throne and rod and I'll never walk alone while I walk with God.

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 #34**

God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

***Invocation**

Dwight Poffenberger

All: O giver of every gift, who fills your servants with skills and wisdom, consecrate our labors, that our talents may adorn your sanctuary, not magnify ourselves.

***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

All: O Lord, we confess we boast in gifts not our own, and employ talents for prideful ends. We squander your wisdom on self, not service. Forgive us, and reclaim our hands for you.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: Take comfort in this promise: The same Spirit who gifted Bezalel is given richly in Christ. His blood covers our sins of pride and waste. He redeems both our persons and our powers, sanctifying every skill to the glory of God. Therefore, in Christ Jesus, you are forgiven, and your labors in the Lord are not in vain. Go, employ all gifts for his holy work.

***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

Amazing Grace

Arr. James V. Marchionda and

Covenant Choir

Mark G. Rachelski

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. Amazing Grace!

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

Be Still My Soul

Arr. Jay Richards

Carl Colvin, Oboe

***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 #39**

God is Love

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 31:1-5

Then the LORD said to Moses, ² “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³ and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—⁴ to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, ⁵ to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Consecrated Hands for the Lord’s Glory

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

***Hymn** See Bulletin pg. 8

Lift Every Voice and Sing

***Benediction**

Postlude

Improvisation on Lift Every Voice

Andrew Hackett, Organist

*Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God in memory
of Bob Goering by Charlotte Goering.

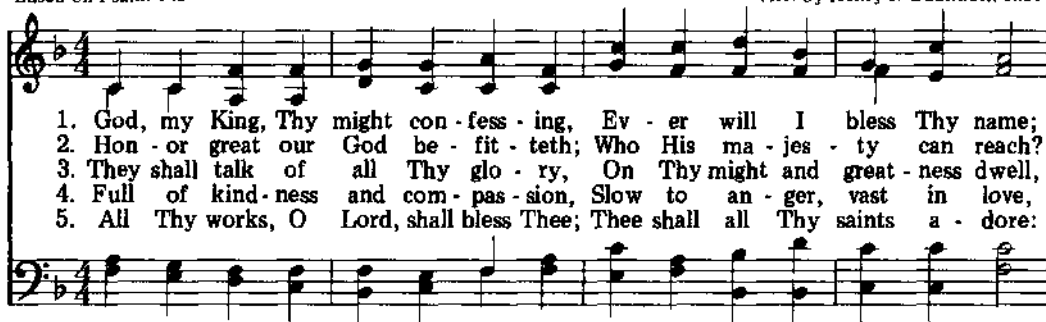
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I will extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name . . . Psa. 145:1

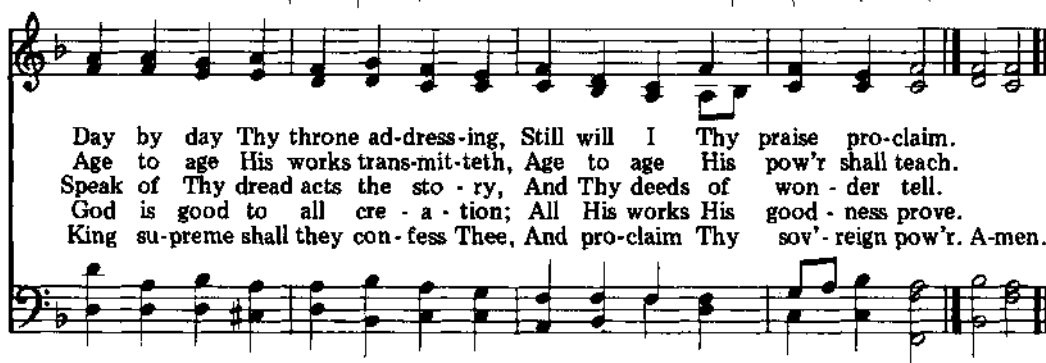
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Richard Mant, 1824
Based on Psalm 145

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.

HIS ATTRIBUTES

God Is Love; His Mercy Brightens 39

O the depth of the riches . . . of the wisdom and knowledge of God! Rom. 11:33

John Bowring, 1825

CROSS OF JESUS 8 7 8 7

John Stainer, 1887

1. God is love; His mer - cy bright - ens All the path in which we rove;
 2. Chance and change are bus - y ev - er; Man de - cays and a - ges move;
 3. E'en the hour that dark - est seem - eth, Will His change - less good - ness prove;
 4. He with earth - ly cares en - twin - eth Hope and com - fort from a - bove;

Bliss He wakes and woe He light - ens; God is wis - dom, God is love.
 But His mer - cy wan - eth nev - er; God is wis - dom, God is love.
 Through the gloom His bright - ness stream - eth; God is wis - dom, God is love.
 Ev - ery - where His glo - ry shin - eth; God is wis - dom, God is love. A - men.

HIS ATTRIBUTES

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1871 - 1938

J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873 - 1954

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast - 'ning rod,
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;
 Felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 Yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet,
 Thou who hast by thy might, led us in - to the light,

Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
 Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered,
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee,

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 We have come, tread - ing our path thro' the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get Thee;

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 Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 Out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for - ev - er stand,

Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 True to our God, true to our na - tive land.