

Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

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



August 30, 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.

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

** indicates please stand if you are able*

Pre-Service Music
Andrew Hackett, Organist

Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582

J. S. Bach

Concerns of the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

Call to Worship

Margaret Valentine

One: Come, people of God: The Shepherd calls us by grace, leads us beside living waters,
prepares his table, and gathers us into Christ's steadfast peace.

Prelude

Improvisation on Regent Square

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Ring 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 #6

Holy Father, Great Creator

*Invocation

Margaret Valentine

All: Triune God, our Shepherd and host, draw us into the Son's communion, restore us
by your Spirit, and lead us in paths that glorify your holy name this day. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

All: Merciful shepherd, we confess that we wander, mistrust your provision, fear the
valleys, and seek tables of our own making. We ignore your rod, resist your staff,
and fail to welcome neighbors. For the sake of Christ, who sought us, forgive and
restore us. Amen.

*Moments of Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

One: Hear the good news: Jesus Christ, the shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep, has
entered our deepest valley and overcome death. In him, God does not count our sins
against us. By grace, we are found, forgiven, restored, and welcomed at the covenant table.
Nothing can separate us from his steadfast love.

*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.

Anthem

Hear My Prayer, O Lord

Antonin Dvorak

Jarrett Hazelton, Tenor

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear unto my cry. Thou art my refuge and my hope. Thou shalt tread down my enemies. I will dwell forever in thy tents and hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

Thou art indeed my God. Yea, I will seek thee early. My soul is faint, my body longeth, longeth after thee in a barren desert where there is no water. Now I will bless thee daily and lift my hands in prayer and adoration. Yea, my lips shall praise thee all my life.

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

Beautiful Savior

Arr. Donald Sellew

Jarrett Hazelton, Tenor; Yolanda Parker, Alto

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of man!

Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines
brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

*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

*Hymn #193

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Good Shepherd

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

*Hymn #321

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*Benediction

Postlude

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Symphonie Gothique, Op. 70

IV. Andante-Allegro

Charles-Marie Widor

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat Beckman
in loving memory of Jeff Beckman.

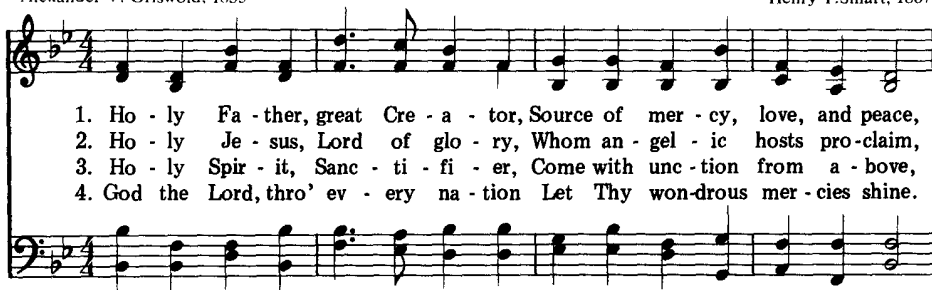
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Blessed be God . . . the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. II Cor. 1:3

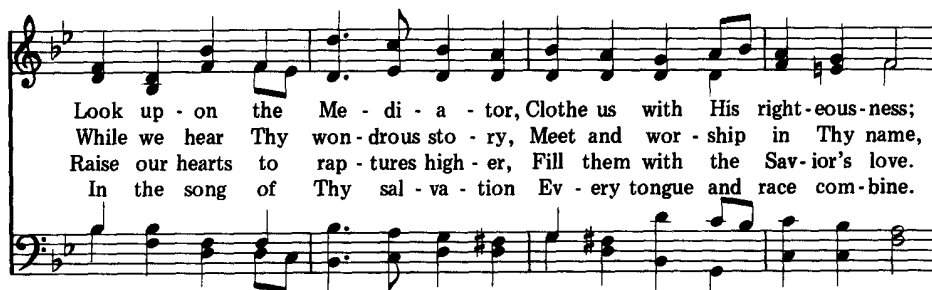
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Alexander V. Griswold, 1835

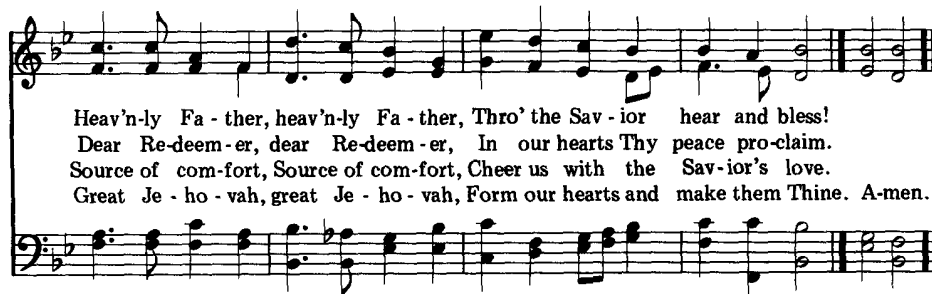
Henry T. Smart, 1867



1. Ho - ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, Source of mer - cy, love, and peace,
 2. Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, Whom an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim,
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Sanc - ti - fi - er, Come with unc - tion from a - bove,
 4. God the Lord, thro' ev - ery na - tion Let Thy won - drous mer - cies shine.



Look up - on the Me - di - a - tor, Clothe us with His right - eous - ness;
 While we hear Thy won - drous sto - ry, Meet and wor - ship in Thy name,
 Raise our hearts to rap - tures high - er, Fill them with the Sav - ior's love.
 In the song of Thy sal - va - tion Ev - ery tongue and race com - bine.



Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, heav'n - ly Fa - ther, Thro' the Sav - ior hear and bless!
 Dear Re - deem - er, dear Re - deem - er, In our hearts Thy peace pro - claim.
 Source of com - fort, Source of com - fort, Cheer us with the Sav - ior's love.
 Great Je - ho - vah, great Je - ho - vah, Form our hearts and make them Thine. A - men.

This tune in a lower key, No. 185

THE TRINITY

193 Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

A new spirit will I put within you. Ezek. 36:26

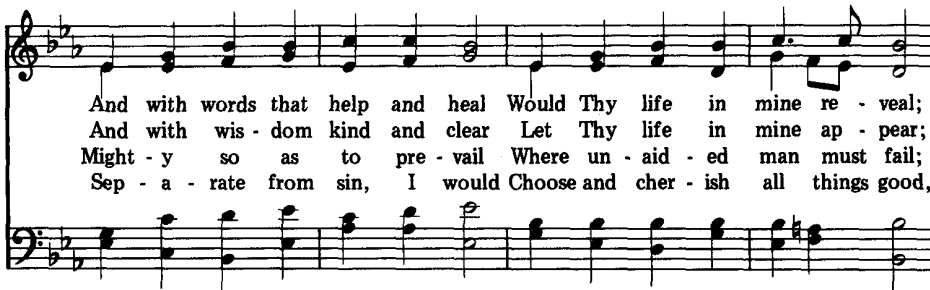
Thomas T. Lynch, 1855

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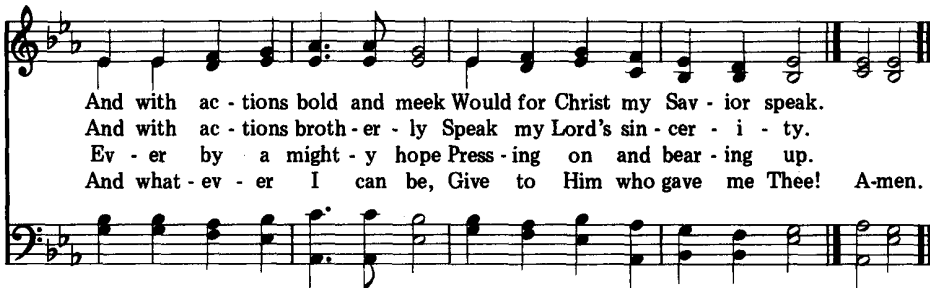
Richard Redhead, 1853



1. Gra - cious Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would gra - cious be;
2. Truth - ful Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would truth - ful be;
3. Might - y Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would might - y be;
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would ho - ly be;



And with words that help and heal Would Thy life in mine re - veal;
And with wis - dom kind and clear Let Thy life in mine ap - pear;
Might - y so as to pre - vail Where un - aid - ed man must fail;
Sep - a - rate from sin, I would Choose and cher - ish all things good,



And with ac - tions bold and meek Would for Christ my Sav - ior speak.
And with ac - tions broth - er - ly Speak my Lord's sin - cer - i - ty.
Ev - er by a might - y hope Press - ing on and bear - ing up.
And what - ev - er I can be, Give to Him who gave me Thee! A-men.

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When He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them. John 10:4

*Hymns for the Young, 1836
Attr. to Dorothy A. Thrupp*

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William B. Bradbury, 1859

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten-der care;
2. We are Thine, do Thou be-friend us, Be the guard-ian of our way;
3. Thou hast prom-ised to re-ceive us, Poor and sin-ful though we be;
4. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor, Ear - ly let us do Thy will;

In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
Keep Thy flock, from sin de - fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray:
Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bos-oms fill:

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;

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FAITH AND ASSURANCE