



Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Our 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.

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

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Ach, wir armen Sünder

G. Ph. Telemann

Concerns of the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

Call to Worship

Jahlil Meatchem

One: Church, lift your eyes: The God who makes all things new is here. Come, thirsting souls, and receive life today.

Prelude

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Improvisation on Lauda Anima

Ringing 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 #26**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

***Invocation**

Jahlil Meatchem

All: Holy God, descend among us; steady our hearts, awaken our hope, and teach us to hear heaven's song anew today.

***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

All: Merciful Father, we confess that we cling to passing worlds, fear the fire of your holiness, and drink from broken cisterns. We have doubted your promise, resisted your reign, and loved glories. Forgive us, renew us, and make us faithful.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

One: Beloved in Christ, hear the good news: The one seated on the throne still says, "It is done." Through the Lamb's victory, your sin is not your future. God is your Father, and you are his people. In Jesus, the thirsty are satisfied, the guilty are cleansed, and all things are being made new today.

***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

Holy, Holy, Holy, We Worship You

Arr. Benjamin Harlan

Covenant Choir

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!

We worship you, almighty God. In you alone is our delight.

We worship you, O holy God, and lift our voice to sing your praise. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky, and sea; holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!

We worship you, O holy God.

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

Air, from BWV 1068

J.S. Bach

Andrew Hackett, Organist

***Doxology #572**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

(At this time all children are invited to go to Children's Church)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #385**

Take My Life and Let It Be

Scripture Lessons

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Old is Going, the New is Coming

Dr. Shane Wood

***Hymn #206**

Faith of Our Fathers

***Benediction**

Postlude

Christy Lee, Organ Scholar

Organ Sonata, Op. 65, no.2
III. Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

*Those who are able, please stand.

Welcome Dr. Shane Wood! Dr. Wood earned his Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh and is professor of New Testament and Its Origins at Ozark Christian College in Joplin, MO. Dr. Wood led seminars on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon focused on the book of Revelation, and also preached for the Presbytery of Cincinnati’s regular meeting yesterday morning.

Thank you, Dr. Wood, for sharing your time and insights with us.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven 26

Bless the Lord. O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Psa. 103:2

Psalms 103
Henry F. Lyte, 1834

LAUDA ANIMA 8 7 8 7 8 7
John Goss, 1869

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, To His feet your
2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To our fa - thers
3. Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4. An - gels in the height, a - dore Him, You be - hold Him

trib - ute bring; Ran - sored, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him, still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows, In His hands He gen - tly bears us,
face to face; Saints tri - um - phant, bow be - fore Him;

Ev - er - more His prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
Re - cures us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
Gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows!
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace! A - men.

385 Take My Life and Let It Be

Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body . . . I Cor. 6:20

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

HENDON 7 7 7 7 7

Henri A. César Maian, 1827

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1. Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands and
2. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee; Take my voice and
3. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sa - ges for Thee; Take my sil - ver
4. Take my love, my God, I pour At Thy feet its treas - ure store; Take my - self and

let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love, At the im - pulse of Thy love.
let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold, Not a mite would I with - hold.
I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

LIFE IN CHRIST: OBEDIENCE AND CONSECRATION

206 Faith of Our Fathers

Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Jude 3

ST. CATHERINE 8 8 8 8 8 8

Henri F. Hemy, 1864

Arr. by James G. Walton, 1874

Frederick W. Faber, 1849

1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still In spite of dun - geon, fire and sword:
2. Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in heart and 'con - science free:
3. Faith of our fa - thers! we will strive To win all na - tions un - to thee,
4. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife:

O how our hearts beat high with joy When-e'er we hear that glo - rious word!
How sweet would be their chil - dren's fate, If they like them could die for thee!
And thro' the truth that comes from God, Man - kind shall then be tru - ly free.
And preach thee too as love knows how, By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life:

Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death!
Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death!
Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death!
Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death! A - men.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the vocal lines. The first system contains four verses. The second system contains a prayerful verse. The third system contains a final chorus of four lines.