

Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 18, 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 Music
Andrew Hackett, piano

Prelude and Fugue in C minor

Andrew Hackett

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Lucy Evans

One: Gather in awe, beloved, before our God who in Jesus Christ, bore our sins to reconcile us. In this profound mystery of grace, we find not a transaction but a transformation. Let us worship, amazed by divine love that pursued us at great cost. Through Christ's sacrifice, we are invited into God's eternal presence. Let our worship reflect gratitude for this unmeasurable gift. In spirit and truth, let us proclaim:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Amen.

Prelude
Andrew Hackett, piano

Prelude in E-flat major, BWV 998

J.S. Bach

*Hymn #34

God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

*Invocation

Lucy Evans

One: Let us pray: Eternal God, in Christ you embraced our plight, bearing our sins to restore us. As we gather, fill us with gratitude and awe for your boundless grace. Guide our worship, that it may reflect your love and mercy. Strengthen us to live as bearers of your light in the world. In Jesus' name, we stand reconciled and renewed. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dan Turis

One: Gracious God, before your holiness, we stand in humble confession. In Jesus Christ, you have revealed the depth of your love, willingly bearing the immense cost of our sins to offer us reconciliation and life.

All: Yet, we confess that too often, we turn away from this gift, entangled by our own desires, blinded to the needs of others, and resistant to the transformation you offer. We acknowledge our failure to embody the love and grace we have so freely received. In thought, word, and deed, we have fallen short of your glory, ignoring your call to live as reflections of Christ's light in a shadowed world. Merciful God, forgive us. Renew our hearts and minds so that we may truly understand the weight of Christ's sacrifice and the breadth of your forgiveness. Inspire us to live not for ourselves but for you, embracing each moment as an opportunity to reflect your love to others.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, who has made our reconciliation possible, let us continue to confess in silence.

*Moments of Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dan Turis

One: Our Lord has heard your cry; our Lord has extended you peace. Our Lord has not turned his light from you, but right this very moment, is reaching his hand out to you. He is extending his hand of peace to you. Not because you earned it, but because he loves you. He is here to reconcile you to so much more than what you cling to. He the judge has become the judged, on your behalf. Not to punish you but to reconcile you to God. You now have nothing stopping you from knowing the God of this universe.

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

Jesu, Lover of My Soul

Arr. Henry Coleman

Covenant Choir

Jesu, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior hide, till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing stream abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

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.

Covenant Choir

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I am," while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing
on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on!

***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 #241**

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 53:4-6

Rev. Dan Turis

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for
our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are
healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the
Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Penal Substitutionary Atonement

Rev. Dan Turis

***Hymn #247**

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

***Benediction**

Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King

Christie Lee, piano

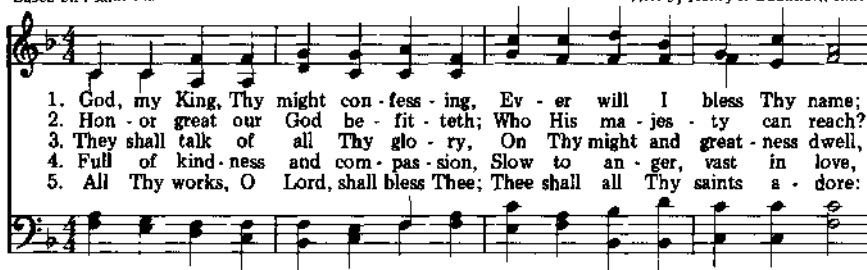
*Those who are able, please stand.

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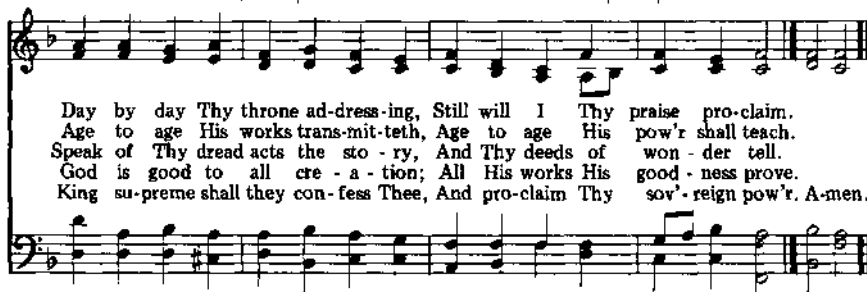
I will extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name . . . Psa. 145:1

Richard Mant, 1824
Based on Psalm 145

STUTT GART 8787
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'-rein pow'r. A-men.

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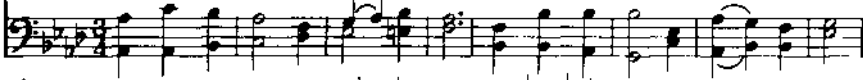
He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation . . . Isa. 61:10

Nikolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1739
Trans. by John Wesley, 1740

GERMANY L.M.
William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815



1. Je - sus, Thy blood and right-eous-ness My beau - ty are, my glo - rious dress;
2. Bold shall I stand in Thy great day, For who aught to my charge shall lay?
3. Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which, at the mer - cy seat of God
4. Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up - on the o - cean shore,



Midst flam-ing worlds, in these ar-rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
Ful - ly ab-solved through these I am, From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
For - ev - er doth for sin-ners plead, For me, e'en for my soul, was shed.
Thou hast for all a ran-som paid, For all a full a - tone-ment made. A-men.



I Lay My Sins on Jesus 247

Who . . . bare our sins in His own body on the tree . . . 1 Pet. 2:24

AURELIA 7676 D.

Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

Horatius Bonar, 1843

1. I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2. I lay my wants on Je - sus; All ful - ness dwells in Him;
3. I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;
4. I long to be like Je - sus, Meek, lov - ing, low - ly, mild;

He bears them all, and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load;
He heals all my dis - eas - es, He doth my soul re - deem:
His right hand me em - brac - es, I on His breast re - cline:
I long to be like Je - sus, The Fa - ther's ho - ly Child:

I bring my guilt to Je - sus, To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ the Lord;
I long to be with Je - sus, A - mid the heav'n - ly throng,

White in His blood most pre - cious, Till not a stain re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es, He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es, His name a - broad is poured.
To sing with saints His prais - es, To learn the an - gels' song. A - men.

This tune in a lower key, No. 560

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