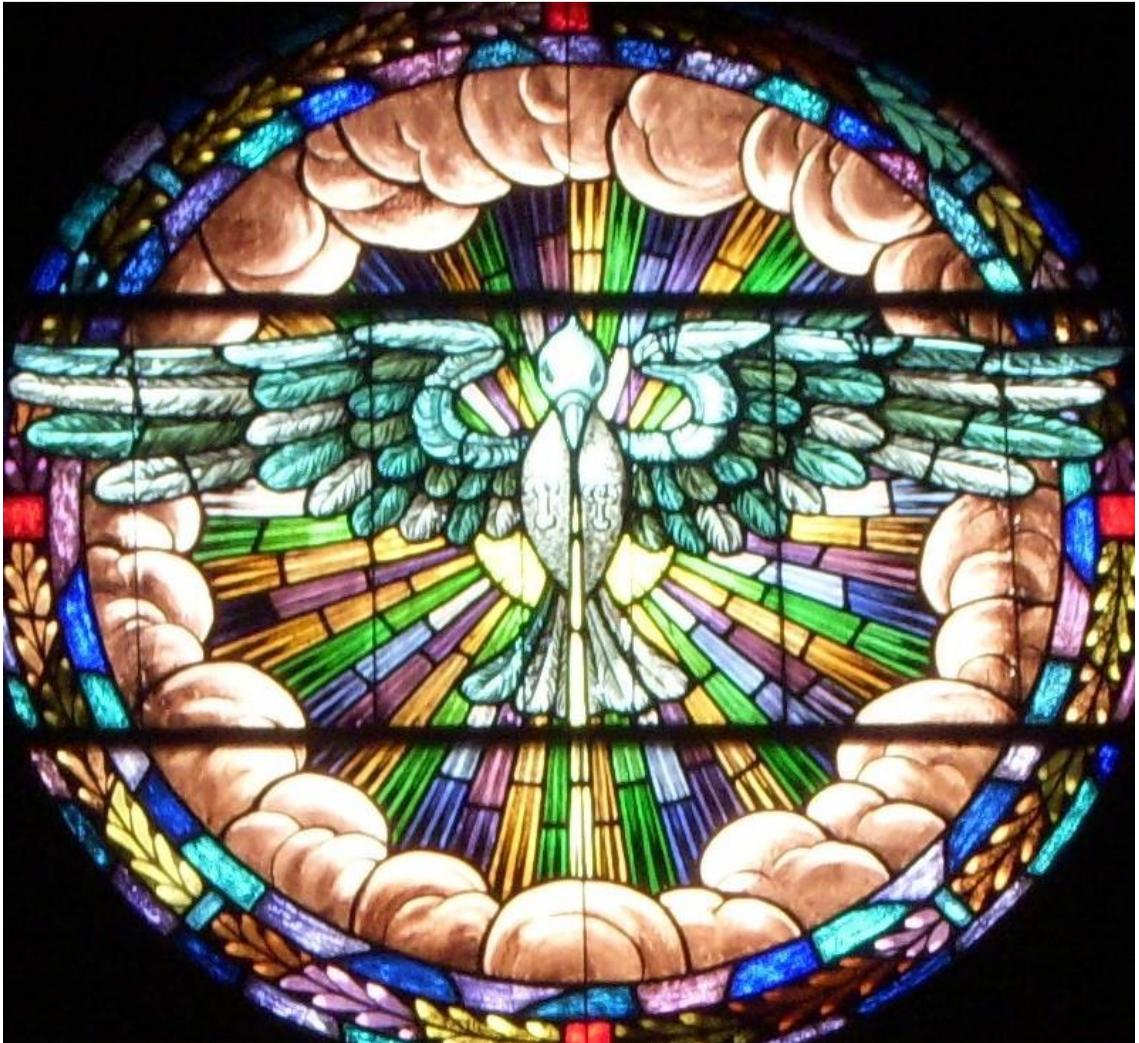


Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 21, 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

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Nicolaus Hanff

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Sonja Vernon

One: Let us rekindle the gift of God within us. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control. Come, let us worship in the strength of his spirit.

Prelude

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630

J. S. Bach

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 #321

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*Invocation

Sonja Vernon

All: Almighty God, as we gather in your presence, we ask for your spirit to illuminate our hearts and minds. Strengthen us with the power, love, and self-discipline you have bestowed upon us. May our worship be a true reflection of your grace, as we seek to honor you in all that we say and do. Guide us in your truth, and deepen our faith as we invoke your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dan Turis

All: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have not always used the spirit of power, love, and self-discipline you gave us. We have let fear and weakness guide our actions. Forgive us, renew our hearts, and help us to live in your strength. Teach us to reflect your love and grace in all we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Moments of Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Dan Turis

One: The Lord has heard your prayer; he has seen your desire to be made right and is softening your heart to be more sensitive to his leading. He has given you a spirit in your baptism, a spirit that never left you, a spirit that you are rekindling through this very prayer. Trust the Lord is working out his salvation in you. His grace is upon you – live into it.

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**

Come Follow Me

Paul Williams/Joseph Martin

Covenant Choir

Take up your cross and follow.

Come, faithful seeker of the light, my voice is calling in the night.

Walk with me; I'll be your guide. Follow me, follow me.

Come weary pilgrim, take my hand. I'll lift you up and help you stand.

All who seek the promised land, follow me, come follow me.

All who hunger, all who suffer, all who sorrow, all who would be free, follow me.

The path is steep, the road is long, but with my love I'll keep you strong; then my grace will lead you home. Come follow me, come follow me!

Come follow me, O faithful one, until the final race is won, until the great Amen is sung! Follow me, come follow me, until the great Amen is sung! Follow me, come follow me. I am the Way, the Truth, the Life. Follow me.

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.

Offertory

God of Grace

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Jarret Hazleton, Joshua Klein, Ashlyn Rock, Natalie Shephard
Sonja Vernon, violin

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free,
oh, the miracle of mercy Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace who loved and knew me long before the world began.
Sent my Savior down from heaven: Perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as his own.
Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded, and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace now crowned in glory where one day I'll see your face,
And forever I'll adore you in your everlasting grace.

***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 #302**

I Love to Tell the Story

Scripture Lesson

2 Timothy 1:6-7

Rev. Dan Turis

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

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

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Disciple's Life in the Spirit

Rev. Dan Turis

***Hymn #17**

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

***Benediction**

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C minor

Andrew Hackett

Andrew Hackett, Organist

*Those who are able, please stand.



Dinners for Eight — April 28 at 6 PM

There are still a few openings available for Dinners for Eight. If you would like to attend, contact Genita Heidenreich **TODAY!**

Neighborhood Fellowship

Our first Neighborhood Fellowship will be held next Sunday. We will be moving Fellowship Time to the courtyard and we will be enjoying everything blueberry. Plan to join us in the courtyard and front sidewalk for a time to enjoy the beautiful weather. Should the weather not be good for gathering outside, we will move inside with the same menu. Questions? Would you like to help? Contact Jamie Jewell, jamiej531@gmail.com. 513-885-2282.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 321

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

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

BRADBURY 8787D.
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

302 I Love to Tell the Story

And they sang a new song saying, Thou art worthy . . . Rev. 5:9

HANKEY 7 6 7 6 D. Ref.
William G. Fischer, 1869

A. Catherine Hankey, 1866.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a -
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, More won - der - ful it
3. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'Tis pleas - ant to re -
4. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it

bove, Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His
seems Than all the gold - en fan - cies Of all our gold - en
peat What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly
best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the

love. I love to tell the sto - ry Be - cause I know 'tis
dreams. I love to tell the sto - ry, It did so much for
sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er
rest. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new

true; It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do.
me; And that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
heard The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own Ho - ly Word.
song, 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain
I love to tell the sto - ry, 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry,

THE GOSPEL

17 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise Him in the heights. Psa. 148:1

Psalm 148
Founding Hospital Collection, 1796
St. 3, Edward Oster, 1836

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8787 D.

Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, a - dore him; Praise him, an - gels in the height;
2. Praise the Lord! for He is glo - rious; Nev - er shall His prom - ise fail;
3. Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to Thee;

Sun and moon, re - joice be - fore Him; Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
God hath made His saints vic - to - rious; Sin and death shall not pre - vail.
Young and old, Thy praise ex - press - ing, In glad horn - age bend the knee.

Praise the Lord! for He hath spo - ken; Worlds His might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high, His pow'ry pro - claim;
All the saints in heav'n a - dore Thee; We would bow be - fore Thy throne:

Laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken For their guid - ance He hath made.
Heav'n and earth and all cre - a - tion, Laud and mag - ni - fy His name.
As Thine an - gels serve be - fore Thee, So on earth Thy will be done. A - men.

This tune in a higher key, No. 209

GOD THE FATHER