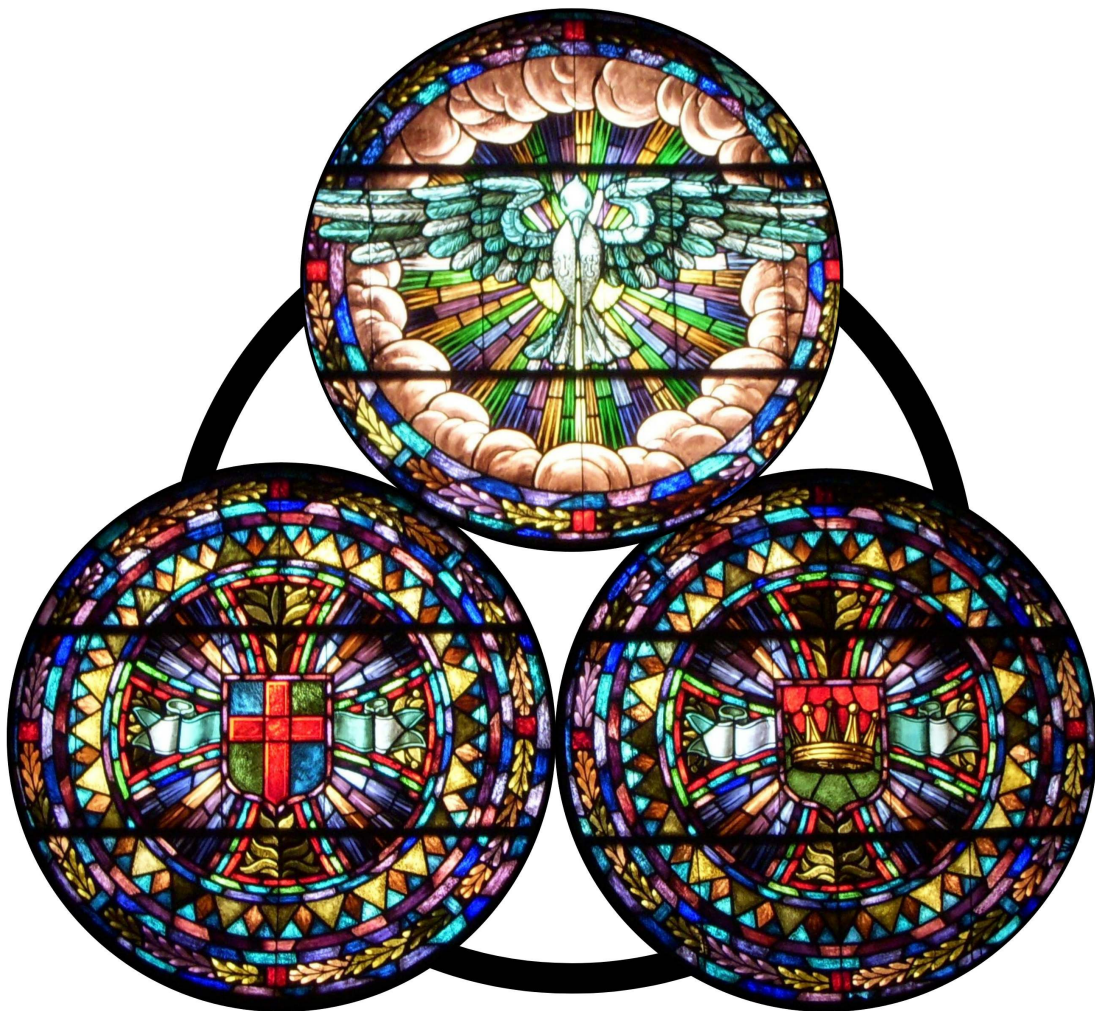




Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

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



October 4, 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.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

We offer Communion during the worship service on the first Sunday of each month. We welcome anyone who proclaims Christ as Savior to partake. The Communion table is not restricted to Presbyterians. During the service, the church elders will distribute the elements, while the congregation remains seated in the pews.

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. Validation must be done each Sunday you park in the garage.

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

** indicates please stand if you are able*

Pre-Service Music
Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Organ Symphony No.9 *Gothique*
Op.70, II. Andante sostenuto

Charles-Marie Widor

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Brandon Fine

One: Come, heirs of the kingdom: Behold Christ among the hungry, stranger, sick, and imprisoned; receive his grace, then worship him through merciful service together today.

Passing of the Peace

This is a time in the worship service where we extend Christ's peace to one another.

Please greet those around you as a community bound together with the hope of Christ.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prelude
Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Trio No.1 in G minor, Op. 49, No.1

Josef Rheinberger

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 #550

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*Invocation

Brandon Fine

All: Lord Jesus Christ, hidden among the least and reigning in glory, open our eyes, enlarge our compassion, and make your Spirit's hospitality visible through your church today and always. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

All: Righteous Judge, we confess that we overlook you in neighbors whose hunger, loneliness, illness, or imprisonment interrupts our comfort. We divide your family and ration compassion according to worthiness. Forgive our blindness. For your cross's sake, restore us and teach us to welcome you. Amen.

*Moments of Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

One: Beloved, hear the King's mercy: Jesus Christ became poor for us, entered our exile, bore our judgment, and opened his kingdom through the cross. In his resurrection, the condemned are welcomed and the estranged brought near. God forgives us, clothes us in Christ, and sends us to meet our Savior in the least with joy.

*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

Soon and Very Soon

André Crouch and Jack Schrader

Covenant Choir

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the king;
Hallelujah, hallelujah! We're going to see the king!

No more dying there, we are going to see the king;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the king!

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

Deep River

Arranged by H. T. Burleigh

Laz Clark, Baritone

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to the gospel feast;
That promised land where all is peace?

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

*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

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:31–46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ ⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ ⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ ⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Meeting Christ Through Serving Others

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

*Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Communion

We will share in the body together. You may drink of the cup when desired.

The Prayer of Blessing

*Hymn #401

It Is Well with My Soul

*Benediction

Postlude

Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582

J. S. Bach

Andrew Hackett, Organist

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Key Sermon Notes

Historical Voice: Augustine of Hippo (354–430)

Quote: “Give to the poor, and you give to Christ.”

Source: Sermon 389

Confessional Witness: The Confession of 1967, 9.32 — “God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family.”

Presbyterian Church USA Book of Order: F-1.0302a — “The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.”

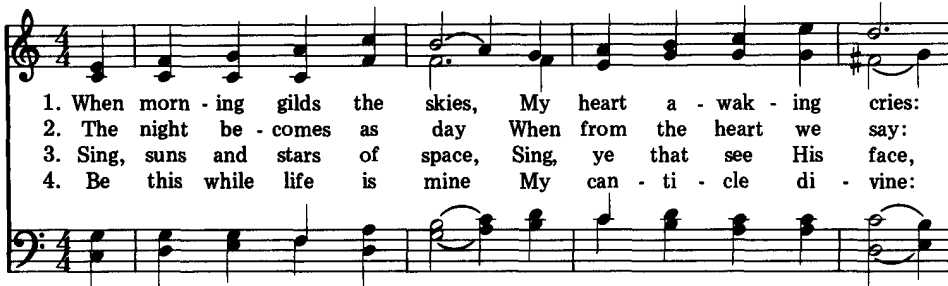
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My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord. Psa. 5:3

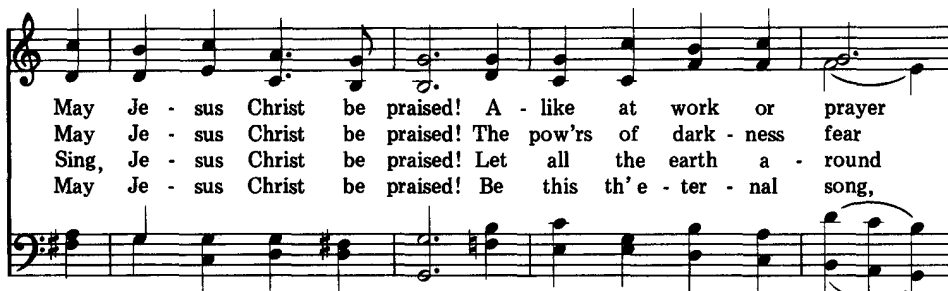
Katholisches Gesangbuch, Würzburg, 1828
Trans. by Edward Caswall, 1854

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Joseph Barnby, 1868



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
2. The night be - comes as day When from the heart we say:
3. Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,
4. Be this while life is mine My can - ti - cle di - vine:



May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work or prayer
May Je - sus Christ be praised! The pow'rs of dark - ness fear
Sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this th'e - ter - nal song,



To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
When this sweet chant they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Ring joy - ous with the sound: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised! A-men.

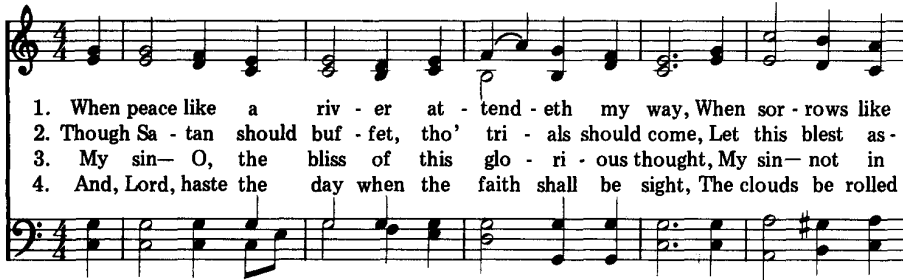
When Peace Like a River Attendeth 401

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

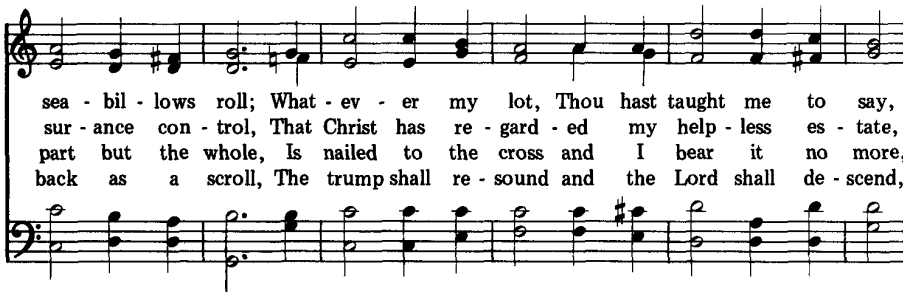
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Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

Philip P. Bliss, 1876



1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
3. My sin— O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, My sin— not in
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled



sea - bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,



Refrain
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well with my
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
"E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
with my soul,