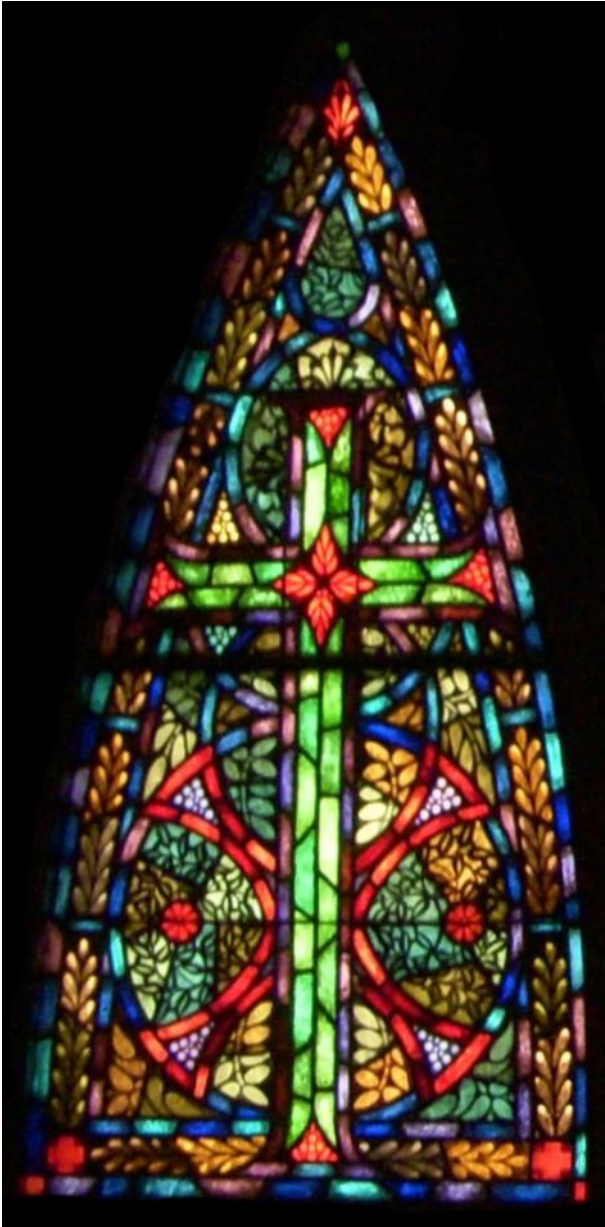


# Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, February 25, 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.

## **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](http://www.covfirstchurch.org).

# Service for the Lord's Day

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**Pre-Service Music**  
Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

## Concerns of the Congregation

### Call to Worship

Hugh Ralston

*One: Beloved in Christ, as we gather, let us celebrate the grand narrative of redemption through Jesus. He, our Savior, recapitulated humanity's story, rewriting it in his victory over sin and death. Through him, we're restored to God, our original purpose renewed. Let our worship reflect this profound truth, embracing the grace that transforms and unites us in Christ. Come, let us joyfully worship together in this divine mystery.*

### Prelude

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ BWV 639

J.S. Bach

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

### \*Hymn #67

Fairest Lord Jesus

### \*Invocation

Hugh Ralston

*One: Let us pray: Gracious and almighty God, we stand in awe of your magnificent plan, revealed through the story of two Adams. In the first Adam, we witnessed humanity's fall, a tale of disobedience that brought sin into this world. Yet, in your boundless love and wisdom, you presented us with the second Adam, Jesus Christ. As we enter into this time of worship, let our hearts and minds be filled with the hope and renewal found in Christ. May we embrace the new life he offers, walking in the light of his righteousness. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

### \*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dan Turis

**All: Father God, we acknowledge our shared heritage with the first Adam—a legacy of sin and separation from your perfect will. In Adam, we see our disobedience and the brokenness that pervades our world. Yet, in your mercy, you introduced a new legacy through the Second Adam, Jesus Christ, whose obedience unto death brings us life and reconciliation. We confess our failures and our participation in the old nature. We seek forgiveness and transformation, longing to be more like Christ. Empower us by your Spirit to live in the reality of the Second Adam, redeemed, restored, and reconciled to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### \*Moments of Silent Confession

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Dan Turis

*One: Hear this, the best news you could ever hear. You are no longer associated with the first Adam. You have a new life. You are found a new with the second Adam. You are united to him. The sins that you confessed and even the sins you don't know have all been forgiven by the work of Jesus. Jesus forgives you.*

**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**

Jesus Paid It All

Arr. by Robert Sterling

Covenant Choir

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small! Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in me thine all in all."

*Refrain:* Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim. I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. *Refrain*

And when before the throne I stand in him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*

**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**Erbarme dich, *from St. Matthew Passion*

J.S. Bach

Lucy Evans, Mezzo Soprano

Erbarme dich, mein Gott,	Have mercy, my God,
Um meiner Zähren Willen!	for the sake of my tears!
Schaue hier, Herz und Auge	Look here, heart and eyes
Weint vor dir bitterlich.	weep bitterly before you.
Erbarme dich, erbarme dich!	Have mercy, have mercy!

**\*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 #466**

God of Grace and God of Glory

**Scripture Lesson**

Romans 5:12-21

Rev. Dan Turis

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—to be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: the judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*One: This is God's Word for God's people.***All: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

Recapitulation Atonement

Rev. Dan Turis

**\*Hymn #43**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Improvisation on *Lobe den Herren*

Andrew Hackett, Organist

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers today are given to the Glory of God with thanks for the  
gift of music, in celebration of this weekend's  
Organ Festival and today's Hymn Festival/Organ Recital.

# 67 Fairest Lord Jesus

*Thou art fairer than the children of men . . .* Psa. 45:2

*Gesangbuch. Münster, 1677*  
Trans. anonymous, 1850  
St. 4, trans. by Joseph A. Seiss, 1873

CRUSADER'S HYMN 5 6 8 5 5 8  
H. A. Hoffmann von Fallersleben's  
*Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842  
Arr. by Richard S. Willis, 1850

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus! Ru - ler of all na - ture,  
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,  
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,  
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

O Thou of God and man the Son! Thee will I cher - ish,  
Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
And all the twink - ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,  
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!  
Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.  
Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine! A - men.

# 466 God of Grace and God of Glory

*Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time...? Esther 4:14*

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Harry E. Fosdick, 1930

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple  
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -  
3. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; Gird our lives, that

pour Thy pow'r; Crown Thine an - cient church's sto - ry, Bring her bud to  
sail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us, Free our hearts to  
they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es In the fight to

glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age  
faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age  
set men free. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
That we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee! A - men.

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LIFE IN CHRIST



# 43 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty. Job 22:26*

Joachim Neander: 1680  
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

LOBE DEN HERREN 14 14 4 7 8  
Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might - y, the King of cre - a -  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign-  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend  
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal-  
eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gen - tly sus-  
thee; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at-  
Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be-

va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His tem - ple draw  
tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de - sires e'er have  
tend thee. Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can  
fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His peo - ple a-

near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?  
do, If with His love He be - friend - thee.  
gain: Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him. A - men.

GOD THE FATHER